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Party monopoly ends as Russia breaks with 70 years of history

Gorbachov's 1990 revolution

Growing power of President attacked

From Mary Dejevsky, Moscow

The Soviet Communist Party leadership agreed yesterday *to break with* more than 70 years of history and end the party's exclusive right to rule.

The vote to approve the draft political platform — including revising Article Six of the constitution which guarantees the party's "leading role" and the introduction of a presidential form of government — was hailed as a signal victory for President Gorbachov's attempts to reform the Soviet system from within.

The reforms had come in for fierce opposition from party reformists and traditionalists alike at the extended crisis Central Committee meeting.

Mr Boris Yeltsin, the radical former leader of the Moscow Communist Party, described the draft platform as half-hearted and ambivalent and was reported to be the only person to vote against it.

Mr Yegor Ligachov, formerly number two in the Soviet hierarchy, attacked what he saw as the tendency to weaken the unity of the party and condemned its tolerance of "anti-socialists" and "nationalists" within its ranks.

But after hours of debate, Mr Svyatoslav Fyodorov, a leading eye surgeon attending the plenum as an observer, emerged to declare: "There will be no Article Six. There will be a multi-party system. We will have normal democracy. It's fantastic."

Mr Alexander Yakolev, a politburo member, said later that the Cabinet and President would have full power and that would be a step forward to democracy.

The strength of feeling, especially among defenders of the Communist Party's traditional monopoly on power, was such that the two-day meeting was continued into yesterday, and even after the platform had been approved, it dragged on into the evening as delegates discussed the Lithuanian Communist Party's decision to declare itself independent of the Soviet Party. The session ended with delegates condemning the Lithuanian decision and calling for it to be suspended.

The overrun complicated plans for the first evening of the US Secretary of State Mr James Baker's Moscow visit, which had twice been postponed to accommodate the Central Committee session.

Reports of the meeting revealed a split between those who wanted yet more thoroughgoing reform which would eventually turn the party into a political group like any other, and those who blamed the reforms undertaken so far for what they saw as the anarchy and indiscipline destroying the stability of the country.

Delegates criticized Mr Gorbachov's proposals to extend the power of the president, some because they disapproved of one-man rule, others because they thought it would weaken the authority of the Communist Party still further.

The Secretary for Ideology, Mr Vadim Medvedev, said that nothing less than the survival of the party was at stake. "Either we prove able to lead a rapid but controlled process of transformation, or it will become an uncontrolled deluge and fall under the influence of populist demagogues or even fanatical leaders of pogroms," he said.

Mr Medvedev flew to London shortly after the vote and stood alongside Mrs Margaret Thatcher outside 10 Downing Street as she hailed the vote as "a great decision".

Mr Medvedev said the decision showed the Soviet Communist Party and its Central Committee were full of vigour and wanted to promote *perestroika* and deepen it. He had earlier rebutted claims made by some delegates that *perestroika* had caused the country's problems — it had merely brought them into the open, he said.

His words were echoed by Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the foreign minister, who said the plan would give *perestroika* a new lease of life. "If we cannot consolidate healthy forces, tomorrow there may emerge chaos and anarchy. In these conditions it is easy to foresee the entry of dictators large and small with nothing to prevent them turning back the development of our country."

On Tuesday, Central Committee members had heard Mr Ligachov — who is regarded as the leader of the conservative wing of the leadership — voice misgivings about the direction the party was taking, in particular its tolerance of *nationalist opinion within its* ranks and calls for the acceptance of private property, which he said should be the subject of a referendum.

He also dissented publicly from Mr Gorbachov's policy on the unification of Germany and linked reformers in the Politburo with the decision to use force against demonstrators in the Georgian capital, Tbilisi, last April.

Mr Ligachov emphasized

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"The communist parties in Eastern Europe are doomed to extinction." Professor Silvin Brucan, one of the leading lights of the struggle against the Ceausescu regime in Romania, *points to the* technical and scientific changes that have, he says, made the ideology "irrelevant". Page 12

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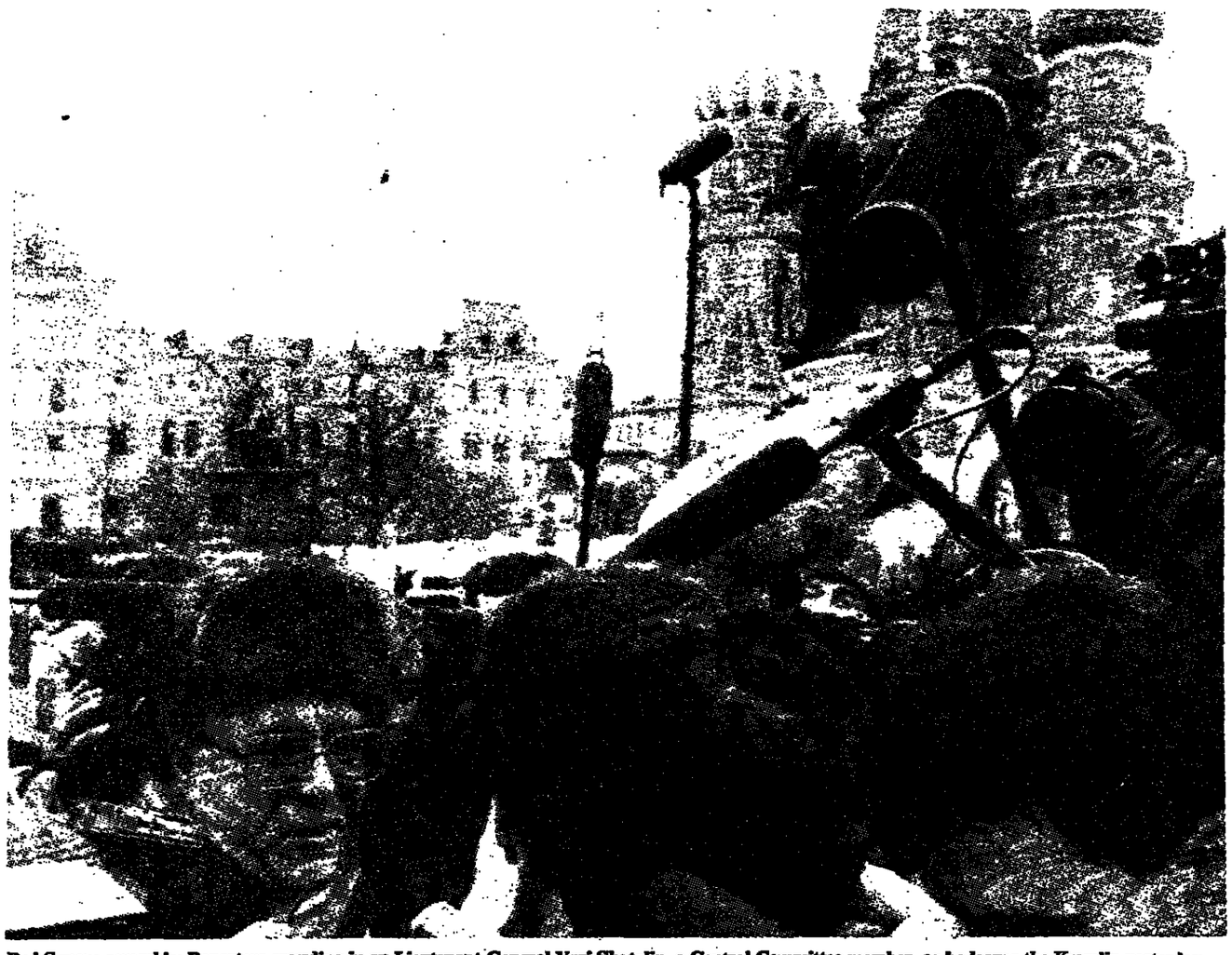

Red Square scramble: Reporters crowding in on Lieutenant-General Yuri Shatalin, a Central Committee member, as he leaves the Kremlin yesterday.

Mr Gorbachov: Carried the day against hard-liners.

Emergency alert as gales strike

By Robin Young

The Ministry of Defence, police, fire brigades and local councils were on emergency alert last night after the Meteorological Office issued warnings of widespread storm-force winds.

Warnings of the "severe and damaging" weather approaching were sent to all bodies which might be called on to deal with the aftermath of the storm sweeping in from the Atlantic.

The forecast was for winds reaching 90mph on the coasts and 70mph inland, with gusts up to 100mph, reaching the south of the country between 10pm yesterday and 3am.

Last night the first gale-force gusts from an expected 12 hours of wind and rain began buffeting the South-west. Weather officers forecast an all-night storm passing over the United Kingdom in a north-easterly direction whipped up by a "vigorous" Atlantic depression.

They feared winds could be as strong as those which battered southern counties on January 25 killing 47 people and causing damage estimated at £1 billion. This time, though, the North was expected to suffer as well.

Fears were growing last night for the four-man crews of two 12ft boats working the sandbanks of the River Dee on Merseyside. Lifeboats from West Kirby and Hoylake were launched in worsening weather conditions and coastguards began searching the shoreline.

The South-west and Wales had already been particularly badly hit by yesterday's squally weather. Gales and floods were affecting many parts of the region.

Train services were cancelled in South Wales and parts of Scotland after heavy rain. River authorities were on red alert in many areas.

Gusts of up to 100mph were reported in the South-west, and AA Roadwatch said motorways and major roads were flooded throughout southern England. In South

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Premium rates for household, contents and motor insurance are likely to rise as much as 25 per cent by the end of 1990 because of the recent storm damage. The rush of claims is expected to top £3 billion in Britain alone ..... Page 23

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● As extremes in the climate become ever more pronounced, and meteorologists are forced to revise their methods of forecasting the world's weather, a £1 billion project involving an international team of scientists is looking — not to the skies, but to the oceans — for the answers. Our four-page Science & Technology section, beginning on page 33 reports on the mysteries of Earth's "thermal conveyor"

Portfolio PLATINUM

● There were seven winners of yesterday's £4,000 Portfolio Platinum prize (see page 3). Today's chance to win £2,000 is on page 31

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Saunders fails to stop trial reports

By Michael Horsnell and Frances Gibb

Mr Ernest Saunders, the former Guinness chairman, lost a legal battle yesterday to prevent reporting of the first of two trials he faces over the company's £2.5 billion takeover of Distillers.

The first trial will begin on Monday when Mr Saunders, aged 54, and three other defendants will face a number of criminal charges arising out of an alleged illegal share-support *operation mounted* by Guinness during the company's successful bid.

A second trial at which Mr Saunders and three different co-defendants will appear will begin in October.

Yesterday he lost a complex legal battle to prevent the reporting of the first trial until the end of the second on the grounds that contemporaneous media coverage would prejudice the later hearing.

After a legal challenge by all sections of the media to his application for a contemporaneous news ban, the Court of Appeal refused Mr Saunders leave to appeal against a judgement last week by Mr Justice Henry at Southwark Crown Court.

The Appeal Court ruling also means that for the first time the media are able to report that Mr Saunders faces two trials. The ruling has averted a widely-feared danger that the case would, as Mr Justice Henry put it, disappear behind "a curtain of reporting restrictions".

Reporting has been subject to unprecedented restrictions under the 1987 Criminal Justice Act which apply in serious fraud cases, of which the Guinness trial is the first big test case.

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Identity parade for attack girl

By Stewart Tendler and Stephen Warr

A girl aged seven who was abducted and sexually assaulted took part in an identity parade last night, believed to have been conducted with the use of a video camera.

Mr Ralph Haeems, solicitor for Mr Russell Bishop, aged 23, who is being held by police investigating the abduction and assault, and several of Mr Bishop's relatives, were also at the police station at Brighton, East Sussex.

The girl was found abandoned and naked at a beauty spot near Brighton on Sunday. Magistrates agreed on Tuesday that Mr Bishop could be held for a further 36 hours.

Police said they had found the clothing taken from the girl. They are appealing for the driver of a red Ford Sierra seen near the area at the time of the attack to come forward.

King refuses help to Wallace inquiry

By Sheila Gunn, Nigel Williamson and Edward Gorman

Mr Tom King, the Defence Secretary, made clear last night that he is not prepared to co-operate with a parliamentary inquiry into Mr Colin Wallace's allegations of a smear campaign against senior politicians in the 1970s.

His defiance threatens severely to hamper the Conservative-dominated Commons defence committee's inquiry into the affair announced earlier yesterday in spite of the insistence of Mr King and Mrs Thatcher that there is not enough evidence to justify it.

The committee was originally reluctant to become embroiled in the affair, but changed its mind, according to Mr Michael Mates, its chairman, after admissions by the Ministry of Defence of "some maladministration" in the handling of the affair.

The decision coincided with fresh allegations by Mr Wallace that British intelligence used smear tactics against Mr Charles Haughey, the current Irish Prime Minister, during a general election in the Irish Republic in 1973. Mr Wallace also alleged in a letter to Mrs Thatcher yesterday that the House of Commons was still being given false information.

Giving evidence to the Commons procedure committee after the announcement of the inquiry, Mr King refused to give assurances that he would authorize the questioning of his officials by the defence committee.

"There has to be an order in these things. We cannot have four people investigating at the same time into the same thing," he insisted. The personal conduct of individuals is

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THE FAMOUS GROUSE
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QUALITY IN AN AGE OF CHANGE.

No10 dispenses medicine for ills of the press

By Nigel Williamson
Political Staff

Mr Bernard Ingham, the Prime Minister's press secretary, dropped his usual cloak of anonymity yesterday as "sources close to the Government" went on the record with a withering attack on the failings and foibles of the press.

At a press gallery luncheon at the Commons, Mr Ingham placed his stethoscope on the heart of the Fourth Estate and diagnosed five debilitating sicknesse afflicting the "raddled disease-racked body" of the public prints. "The illnesses I have isolated in journalism are probably old viruses in acute form. They are nevertheless rife."

Le Carré syndrome includes a tendency not to believe every word uttered by Mr Ingham and his army of government press officers. "It conditions the journalist to the conspiracy theory of life, not merely of politics, and to reject absolutely the cock-up theory of the human experience."

The Conan Doyle complication, a closely related complaint, has reached "epidemic proportions", resulting in journalists who "never go for the simple explanations when an elaborate theory can be constructed".

Columnar pox is "a social contagion particularly affecting diarists and gossip columnists arising from intercourse with the chattering classes. It is marked by a wilful refusal to check any fact lest a paragraph is lost to truth".

The Coleman/Carpenter phenomenon "is a condition which ensures that the basic facts of the case, like, for example, what the Prime Minister actually said, are never reported".

But the most serious disease of all is **Separatitis**. "This is an unshakeable belief in the media's entitlement to lead a privileged existence."

Mr Ingham, a former *Guardian* and *Yorkshire Post* journalist, but now apparently enjoying the security that comes with a self-diagnosed clean bill of health, said of his present profession: "I sometimes compare press officers to riflemen on the Somme, mowing down wave upon wave of distortion and taking out rank upon rank of supposition, deduction and gossip while laying down a barrage of facts behind which something approximating to the truth might advance."

NEWS ROUNDUP

Minister rules out law on governors

Legislation will not be used to stop local authorities filling school governing bodies with their political supporters, Mr John MacGregor, the Secretary of State for Education and Science, said in a letter made public yesterday by Mr Jack Straw, Labour's education spokesman (Douglas Broom writes).

However, the minister condemned Conservative and Labour councils which have removed political opponents from governing bodies, substituting their own nominees. Higher standards in education could not be achieved unless governors were prepared to work for the good of the school "without regard to political allegiance", Mr MacGregor said.

Mr Straw presented a Bill to the Commons requiring councils to ensure that governor nominees reflected the political balance on the council. He condemned the Labour-controlled Manchester City Council's dismissal of all Conservatives from governing bodies. Its example has been copied by Conservative-controlled Barnet, Wandsworth and Kent, as well as the Isle of Wight, which is SLD-controlled.

Spares dealer guilty

Robert Whyatt, aged 41, of Billericay, head of an Essex-based car parts firm, was found guilty at Liverpool yesterday of conspiracy to steal and re-sell components from the Ford plant at Halewood on Merseyside (Ronald Faux writes).

An employee, Robert Crotty, aged 29, of Chadwell Heath, London, and Mrs Lynn Jones, aged 33, of Dingle, Liverpool, were found guilty of handling stolen goods. Nine other defendants have already pleaded guilty to related charges. All 12 will be sentenced today. His warehouse manager was found not guilty of handling stolen goods.

Satellite check on art

An art and antiques theft register that can be used to beam high-quality images of stolen works across the globe was launched yesterday (Nick Nuttall writes).The satellite system is being offered to auction houses, collectors and dealers keen to ensure the goods they handle are not stolen property. The system will also be used to scan world art market catalogues to spot suspicious items.

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Snatched baby plea

Mrs Shanike Glover, aged 22, mother of a baby snatched from her husband's car, made an emotional appeal for his return yesterday (Ruth Gledhill writes). Police are searching for a mystery caller to a helpline who they believe could hold the key to the abduction. Mrs Glover, who is living in a hostel, broke down at a press conference at Southall police station, west London, yards from where her son, Ames, aged 5½ months, was abducted on Monday evening.

Tory MEP leader vote

Sir Christopher Prout, QC, was yesterday re-elected unopposed as leader of the Conservative MEPs in a move seen as vindicating his attempts to bridge the gap between the 32 MEPs and Downing Street (Michael Binyon writes from Brussels). The deputy chairman, Mr Christopher Jackson, MEP for Kent East, was also unopposed. The group retains its strongly federalist flavour, with re-elected members including some strongt former critics of Mrs Thatcher.

Food disease move

The Government may make food poisoning illnesses such as lysteria and salmonella notifiable diseases, Mr Roger Freeman, junior Health Minister, hinted yesterday (Our Technology Correspondent writes). He said on BBC TV's *Open Air* there were strong arguments that doctors should notify such diseases. A Department of Health spokesman said a review of which diseases should be made notifiable was being undertaken but no decisions had yet been made.

Loyalists' murder threat after IRA bomb

By Edward Gorman
Irish Affairs Correspondent

Two "loyalist" paramilitary groups said yesterday that future IRA attacks on workers at the Short Brothers aerospace plant in east Belfast would lead to instant retaliatory murders of Catholics.

The warnings came after the third IRA bombing of the overwhelmingly Protestant company in seven months. A 30lb Semtex device detonated yesterday morning inside a hangar where work was being carried out on an RAF training aircraft. No one was injured and damage was minimal.

In a statement to a local radio station after the attack, the Provisional IRA said it now regarded those of Shorts' 7,000 labour force who were working on defence contracts as legitimate military targets. They would be regarded as targets similar to building contractors and suppliers working for the security forces in the province, 13 of whom have been killed in IRA car bombings and shootings since June 1985.

The IRA added that a warning had been given this time to avoid casualties. Next time there would be no warning before attacks on what the Provisionals called "military areas" of the factory.

Last night the Ulster Freedom Fighters, the military wing of the "loyalist" Ulster Defence Association, and the Protestant Action Force, a cover name sometimes used by the outlawed Ulster Volunteer Force, both issued warnings that Catholics would be targeted if the IRA killed or injured workers at Shorts.

In a call to a news agency, the Protestant Action Force said that retaliatory violence would be instant. Two Catholic workers employed in "loyalist" areas of Belfast would be killed if any Shorts worker were injured or killed by the IRA.

In a statement last night, Shorts, which was sold in June to the Canadian company Bombardier, said it was aware of the IRA threat, but declined to comment about measures being taken to counter it.

Yesterday's attack is an embarrassment for Shorts, which has tried to improve its security since IRA bombings in November and July. The company has kept security under constant review since the first attack, and has taken a number of measures, including installing a new perimeter fence and stepping up the frequency of security patrols.

Local trades union leaders and politicians from both communities condemned the attack as an assault not only on people's lives but also on the Northern Ireland economy.

● Mr Gerard Collins, the Irish Republic's Foreign Minister, said yesterday he believed a fire at the headquarters of the Stevens inquiry outside Belfast early last month was started deliberately and had destroyed all the files accumulated by the team.

Speaking in the Irish Parliament in reply to a question, Mr Collins said: "I am concerned at what appears to be a deliberate effort on somebody's part to burn out the Stevens inquiry head office, which destroyed all the documents that had accumulated during the course of the inquiry."

Mr John Stevens, the deputy chief constable of Cambridgeshire, has been leading detectives investigating allegations of collusion between Protestant paramilitaries and the security forces in Ulster. A fire at his headquarters at Carrickfergus caused extensive damage to the control-room on the night of January 10.

An RUC investigation into the cause of the blaze has yet to be completed. In a statement after it happened, Mr Stevens attempted to head off speculation about arson. He said the fire had begun in a locked room during a change in teams of officers on night duty.

He said all the records and files had been duplicated as a matter of course beforehand and the investigation would not be impeded. Government sources in Dublin last night were unable to offer any clarification of Mr Collins' remarks or say whether they were based on information received from the British authorities or merely his own opinion.

Devolution of power urged for regional development

By Richard Ford, Political Correspondent

A huge devolution of power away from Westminster to the regions to ensure a better distribution of economic development throughout the country was urged in a report published yesterday.

Regional assemblies would be set up with a brief to produce a regional strategy and local offices of government departments would be accountable to the assemblies.

The far-reaching proposals in the report, published by the Centre for Local Economic Strategies, would involve the creation of regional banks, decentralization of the media with a regional location for the headquarters of Channel Five, and more local programmes in radio and television.

Local authorities would be freed from restrictions preventing economic development and would be encouraged to develop municipal enterprises to create jobs and wealth.

The report calls for elected regional assemblies and devolution of power to become the core of a national strategy for employment and economic rejuventation.

Mr Bryan Gould, the shadow environment secretary, said at its launch that Albania was the only European country which was more over-centralized than Britain.

He said that the concentration of power and wealth in the South-east meant that the interests of the rest of the country took second place. "We always have to slow down the economy in the interests of the overheating South-east just as manufacturing industries in the regions are beginning to get underway again," Mr Gould said.

The objectives of the proposals would be to distribute employment and economic development throughout the country, particularly to areas which suffered most during the last decade, to ensure the focus of policy was on producing employment, create conditions in all parts of the country to help provide employment and economic growth and decentralize and restructure decision making.

Under a programme for action, the report demands a review of government research and development, the encouragement of regional banks and venture capital schemes. Economic regeneration centres and local economic innovation centres would be developed and local authorities would be able to develop new social and municipal enterprises.

The report calls for directly-elected regional assemblies and a study into the idea of a "Council of the Regions" on the lines of West Germany. The assemblies would be ordered to produce strategies for their own areas and local offices of central government would be responsible to the assemblies.

In the private sector, the report suggests that all public procurement policies would be reorganized to ensure regional equity, merger policy would be reviewed to enable regional implications to be assessed, and large firms would be required to provide statements on the regional policies being pursued.

The report, written by Mr John Darwin, of Sheffield City Council's employment department, says a more radical and committed drive towards removing inequality and increasing prosperity was essential.

The Enterprise Society: Regional Policy and National Strategy (Centre for Local Economic Strategies, Alberton House, St Mary's Parsonage, Manchester M3 2WJ; price £15)

Artist claims tax relief for eye surgery

John Bratby, the artist who is claiming the cost of eye surgery against income tax, with his wife, Patti, in Paris yesterday.

John Bratby, the artist whose blazing colour and sculptural quality of his oil paintings are a trade mark, is to test the Inland Revenue over the repair of the most vital tools of his profession, his eyes (Simon Tait writes).

Mr Bratby, aged 60, a member of the Royal Academy, is still unable to paint after an operation to repair perforated retinas. He has been told there is a 25 per cent chance of failure, which would mean he could not paint again. "I need both eyes to paint in oils. At the moment I can just about draw, but no more," he said.

The three-hour operation, at King's College Hospital, south London, just before Christmas, cost £2,000. He returns there next week because he is still unable to see out of his right eye. The eye needs daily bathing in belladonna and doses of antibiotics.

Mr Bratby has instructed his accountant to claim the cost of the operation against income tax. "A photographer claims for his cameras, his lenses. I claim for my paints, my brushes and my canvases, but the most important tool of my trade is my eyes. I can't work without them, so I can't earn any money," he said.

He was speaking from Paris, where he is working on *Artists' Quarterly*, of which he is editor. However, he is unlikely to pursue his claim through the courts. "There seems to be no precedent but it is an interesting idea which ought to be tried," he said.

Thatcher's attitude dismays her MPs

By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent

The inner circle of Conservative backbenchers has protested to the Prime Minister about the high-handed attitude of ministers formulating policy.

The complaints came at a private, hour-long meeting between Mrs Margaret Thatcher and the 18-strong executive of the 1922 Committee of Tory MPs on Tuesday afternoon.

Afterwards, many MPs were disappointed that she had not listened more closely to their concerns. There had been no evident meeting of minds.

They were dismayed that the promise of more responsive leadership in the wake of Mr Nigel Lawson's resignation and Sir Anthony Meyer's doomed challenge to her last year had apparently not materialized.

The Prime Minister spent most of her time defending her position. The tone of the meeting was described as civil but negative. She was said to have gone on "auto-pilot" as she justified the level of Treasury support for local government.

The internal split over Hong Kong passports was cited as an example of how a controversial policy had been drawn up without reference to backbench opinion and then understandably run into fierce opposition. Mr Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, and Mr David Waddington, the Home Secretary, who appeared before the executive the week before, were clearly the target.

Mrs Thatcher evidently judged that after the turmoil of past weeks over the community charge and Hong Kong it was time for her to make clear there could be no further concessions, that she was committed to the positions taken and that she expected her backbenchers to put aside their criticisms and swing behind her and her ministers.

MPs also complained that the government whips were acting like a pressure group rather than taking soundings of opinion.

350,000 warrants out over unpaid poll tax

By Kerry Gill

Summary warrants have been issued in Strathclyde to more than 350,000 people, including almost a third of those liable to pay the community charge in Glasgow, in an effort to recoup unpaid bills.

In the region, which has almost half Scotland's population, summary warrants have been issued to more than 20 per cent of the 1.75 million people liable to pay.

Strathclyde is prepared to write off up to 5 per cent of the £331 million it should collect in poll tax revenue compared with only 1 per cent under the rating system. Mr John Mullin, convener of the region's finance committee, said people still had time to pay.

Sheriff officers in Lothian region began action against non-payers and people in substantial arrears to assess goods which can be set aside for sale against debts.

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One in four English water rates to rise 58 per cent in three years

By Our Political Correspondent

One in four water rate payers will face increases of up to 58 per cent over the next three years, the Government said yesterday as it tabled charging limits for 26 of the 27 statutory water companies in England.

Big rises are needed to pay for the £1.7 billion investment in the water industry over the next decade in the wake of privatization.

The latest figures set out permitted increases which will be monitored by the director general of water services. Charges will rise sharply from 1990/91 to 1992/93 but will then increase more slowly.

Mr David Trippier, Minister for the Environment and the Countryside, said that the Government's proposals — most of which require formal finalization — would allow charges to rise by 6.5 per cent a year on average, after allowing for inflation over the next five years.

After that, he said, the average increase would be less than 2 per cent for five years.

Nevertheless, some huge increases are expected in the next three years. They include Bournemouth (62 per cent), East Anglian (52 per cent), East Worcestershire (54 per cent), Eastbourne (48 per cent), Tendring Hundred (70 per cent), West Kent (50 per cent) and Wrexham (52 per cent).

Mid Sussex's increase will be put forward shortly, and final figures for 20 companies will be fixed after the 28 days for appeals.

Mr Trippier said that over the next 10 years prices would rise by an average 23p on the present monthly bill. "In considering these limits, we have considered with each company its future programmes, operating costs and financing needs to the end of this century.

"We have had particular regard to the improvements in drinking water quality required to secure or facilitate compliance with the requirements of the drinking water quality regulations," he said.

Mr Trippier said that investment to renew old infrastructure and to augment water resources "to overcome the kind of shortages experienced during recent droughts" was also catered for.

● A £40 million scheme to end the misery of flooding for thousands of Berkshire homeowners is being proposed by the National Rivers Authority.

A seven-mile long ditch, up to 60 yards wide, is proposed to divert flood water around the towns of Maidenhead, Eton and Windsor. Officials from the authority are drawing up final maps for the channel route. It would cut a huge swath through farm pastures and land rich in gravel deposits and a number of homes would have to be demolished. Thames Water, a forerunner of the authority, first looked at the scheme six years ago.

A channel would start at Taplow Hill to take excess flood water around the east of Maidenhead, through Dorney and Eton, allowing it to empty back into the Thames west of Windsor.

● The National Rivers Authority is to pay consultants £68,000 to investigate last year's water restrictions in the South-West when thousands of consumers faced problems during the summer drought.

STATUTORY WATER COMPANIES — CHARGES LIMITS

Determinations and proposed determinations announcement of February 7, 1990 (as percentage increase)

Companies	1990/91	1991/92	1992/93	1993/94	1994/95	1995/96	Each year from 1996 to 2000
Bournemouth	18.5	18.5	15.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Bristol	5.0	5.0	4.0	4.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Cambridge	12.0	10.0	8.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0
Chester*	4.5	4.5	4.5	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Cholderton*	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
Colne Valley	10.0	10.0	10.0	7.5	7.5	1.0	1.0
E Anglian	19.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	3.0	1.0	1.0
E Surrey	16.5	16.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
E Worcs*	25.0	11.0	11.0	11.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Eastbourne	20.0	20.0	2.5	2.5	2.5	0.0	0.0
Essex	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	6.0	4.5	4.5
Folkestone	18.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	0.0
Hartlepools*	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5
Lea Valley	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	2.5	2.5	0.0
Mid Kent	9.0	9.0	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Mid Southern	11.5	11.5	10.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	0.0
Mid Sussex†	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Newcastle	8.0	8.0	8.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
N Surrey*	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	2.0	2.0
Portsmouth*	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	2.0	2.0	2.0
Rickmansworth	9.5	9.5	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
S Staffs	5.0	5.0	5.0	3.0	3.0	2.0	2.0
Sunderland	7.5	7.5	7.5	5.0	5.0	2.0	2.0
Sutton	12.5	10.5	8.5	8.5	3.5	3.5	3.5
Tendring Hndrd	22.5	22.5	13.0	13.0	2.5	2.5	2.5
W Hampshire	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
W Kent	20.0	20.0	4.0	4.0	1.5	1.5	1.5
Wrexham*	15.0	15.0	15.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
York*	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0

*Charges limits determined. † To be announced.

Noel Johnson: An underpaid "special agent" who quit.

Dick Barton comes clean about BBC

Trouble and Dick Barton Special Agent go hand in hand (David Sapsted writes). It was as true yesterday as it was almost 40 years ago, when the cult radio show abruptly disappeared from the airwaves amid rumours that the BBC considered it a bad influence on youth.

Breaking the agent's code of silence for the first time, Noel Johnson — the first of three actors to play the role — said why he had quit in 1949.

It was not because "the role started to take over his life", as the BBC's press release would have it in a blatant example of disinformation. Rather, he disclosed, he had left because the corporation's godfathers were underpaying him.

"I got 2,000 fan letters a week, yet I had less money in the bank than before I started," Dick the First said. "I felt I was underpaid."

All of which rather spoiled the party at Broadcasting House, called to bring the Bartons — Mr Johnson, Duncan Carse and Gordon Davies — together for the first time to launch a Radio 4 documentary, *Still a Special Agent*, to be broadcast next week.

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Saunders fails to ban Guinness case reports

Mr Ernest Saunders: Facing two trials.

By Michael Horsnell

Mr Ernest Saunders, the former chairman and chief executive of Guinness, failed yesterday in an attempt to ban reporting of the first of two trials arising from the bitterly contested battle between his company and Argyll to take over the Distillers drinks group.

Mr Saunders will be the only defendant to appear in both trials, the first of which opens at Southwark Crown Court on Monday. He had argued that contemporaneous reporting of that case would prejudice the second.

But yesterday the Court of Appeal upheld a ruling by Mr Justice Henry on Monday that it would be wrong for the trials to "vanish for months behind a curtain of reporting restrictions", clearing the way for light to be shed for the first time on what is seen as the City trial of the century.

The ruling yesterday means not only that the first trial may be reported, but also that journalists may report for the first time that there are to be two trials.

The core allegations against the seven men who face proceedings concern an alleged illegal share support operation mounted by Guinness during the company's successful £2.5 billion bid for Distillers.

The media are not allowed to report the details of the indictment against the four men involved in the first trial — Mr Saunders; Mr Gerald Ronson, chairman of the Heron Corporation; Mr Anthony Parnes, a former City stockbroker; and Sir Jack Lyons the financier — until a Crown Court jury is empanelled.

The four defendants in the second trial, which is expected to begin in October and last four months, are: Mr Saunders; Mr Roger Seelig, former Morgan Grenfell corporate finance director; Mr David Mayhew, senior corporate finance director of Cazenove; and Lord Spens, former corporate finance director at Henry Ansbacher Bank.

The severing of the indictment on the grounds that a jury could not be expected to cope with a global trial was ordered on September 21 by Mr Justice Henry who will preside over both trials.

It was he who last week turned down an application by Mr Saunders, supported by two of his co-accused, for an order under section 4 (ii) of the Contempt of Court Act, 1981, postponing reports of the first trial until the end of the second.

The judge ruled that his decision was not part of the preparatory hearings for the trial, and therefore not covered by the blanket ban on reporting such hearings. It could not, however, could not be reported until yesterday when the Court of Appeal refused Mr Saunders leave to appeal against the ruling.

Lord Justice Russell, Mr Justice Turner and Mr Justice Potts held yesterday that fair and accurate reporting of the first trial should not cause prejudice to the hearing of the second, and dismissed a "bold assertion" by Mr Richard Ferguson, QC, counsel for Mr Saunders, that Mr Justice Henry fell into "fundamental error" in his approach to the discretionary exercise involved in considering whether to impose a reporting ban under the 1981 Contempt of Court Act.

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Lord Justice Russell said Mr Justice Henry's judgement was "careful, reasoned and closely analytical" in setting out the issues. The court was satisfied it would be "quite wrong" to interfere with the exercise of his discretion.

The judges said their judgement and that of Mr Justice Henry could be reported, but that the legal argument leading up to each ruling could not.

They also held that Mr Saunders had no right of appeal against the ruling.

Lord Justice Russell rejected Mr Ferguson's central argument that Mr Saunders had the right of appeal because Mr Justice Henry had embarked upon an exercise which involved a question of law. It had not been demonstrated that any question of law relating to the case had arisen in Mr Justice Henry's judgement, he said; and even if there had been issues of law for him to determine, it had not been demonstrated that the judge erred in the way he approached his task.

The judges endorsed Mr Justice Henry's comments on the standard of reporting required during the forthcoming trials. It would have to be fair and accurate, and newspapers and broadcasters would have to have proper regard to preserving the fairness of the second trial.

Mr Justice Henry added: "To this end, the media must ensure they have proper internal discipline. It is primarily for the media to comply with the law and to inform themselves sufficiently to be able to do so to protect the fairness of the second trial."

He said fair reporting of courts was the best safeguard of the rule of law and it would be wrong for the trial to "vanish for months behind a curtain of reporting restrictions". But he said he would keep the matter under review and if self-regulation did not preserve fairness, he would consider a ban again.

He added: "I will consider with counsel for the parties and the media the best mechanism for alerting the media to sensitive matters."

Mr Justice Henry said it was important that reports of the matter should make it clear that Mr Saunders's application was justified. He would not regard words such as "muzzle" fair in relation to the application for reporting restrictions.

Mr Saunders, aged 54, declined to comment as he left the court.

PORTFOLIO

Seven to receive share of £4,000 win

There were seven winners of yesterday's £4,000 Portfolio competition.

Mrs Barbara King, of Worthing, West Sussex, said her children would be the main beneficiaries of her good fortune. "I have a daughter at university who always seems hard up and a son, aged 16, who is usually sceptical about the competition but will probably change his tune when I buy him some new cricket equipment."

Mr Robert Jones, of Nottingham, will use his winnings to pay off the interest on a professional studies loan he took out to finance a year at law school. "Training to be a solicitor is a long haul," he said. "But life is full of surprises, as I found out this morning."

Among the other winners, household repairs, in anticipation of the spring or as a result of storm damage, are the main priority.

Mr John Etherington of Hutton Henry, Cleveland, said it was "high time to stop the rot" in his conservatory.

Mrs Anne Preece of Bournemouth, Dorset, whose home is still being battered by gales along the South coast, will replace the garden fence. "We also lost the TV aerial," she said.

They share the prize with Mr Edwin Crowe of Orpington, Kent, Mr Alan Hollingsworth of South Ascot, Berkshire, and Mr Kim Callaghan of Marton, Warwickshire. Each of the winners receives £571.40.

Judge labels minister idiot over flower picking girl

By David Sapsted

A Crown Court judge yesterday branded Mr Timothy Eggar, Minister of State for Employment, "stupid, idiotic and provocative" for grabbing a girl aged six by the neck and taking her into his house after he had caught her picking flowers in his garden.

Judge McHale said at Croydon Crown Court that he sympathized with the annoyance felt by the child's father who, three days after the incident, went to the minister's house, head-butted him and punched him in the face.

Mr Eggar last night refused to comment on the criticism. "I was at Croydon Crown Court this morning ready and willing to give evidence. Because of the nature of the legal proceedings I was not able to explain to the court what actually happened," he said.

The father pleaded guilty to causing actual bodily harm and was given a 21-day prison sentence, suspended for a year. He was also ordered to pay £290 compensation to Mr Eggar, aged 38 and MP for Enfield North, for repairs to two broken crowned teeth and the replacement of his damaged clothes.

Mr Andrew Caldwell, for the defence, said the child had been held by the base of the neck by Mr Eggar and taken back to the house in Fentiman Road, Lambeth, south London. "She must have been very upset if not terrified," he said.

Judge McHale, who made an order preventing identification of the girl, said to the father: "I sympathize with you entirely in feeling irritation that your daughter had been interfered with in the way she was, and I should have thought that a grown man seeing a child stealing flowers would know better than to take a small girl into his house.

"It was stupid, idiotic and a provocative thing to do and Mr Eggar should have known better. I can well understand that you were annoyed about that."

The court was told that the minister had seen the child and a friend taking flowers from his front garden last July and had followed them down the road.

Mr Jeremy Carter-Manning, for the prosecution, said: "He took the two girls back to his home and endeavoured to explain to them that, whatever their motives, what they had done was wrong and he told them not to do that sort of thing again."

Three days later, the father went to Mr Eggar's house with his daughter, Mr Carter-Manning said. The minister tried to explain what he had done to the child, bending towards her to demonstrate, he said.

"Mr Eggar received a tremendous blow from the right. He reeled back and there was a struggle, and the father hit him on one or two more occasions, with Mr Eggar trying to restrain him by putting his arms around him.

The minister told police later he had tried to hit back but failed, counsel said, adding that both men fell to the ground in the scuffle.

The minister, a keen gardener, said later: "I am not going to be drawn into commenting on the judge's remarks. The man who assaulted me pleaded guilty, was convicted and was given a prison sentence. That is the end of the matter."

Mr Eggar was elected to Parliament in 1979. He was an under-secretary at the Foreign Office in 1985 before promotion to his present position last year. He is a former merchant banker and ex-chairman of Cambridge University Conservative Association. Apart from gardening he counts skiing among his interests.

Blind girl's special meeting

DENZIL McNEELANCE

Ashleigh Temperley, a blind girl aged six, hugging the Prime Minister as she overcame her stage fright during an awards ceremony for courageous children at the Guildhall in London yesterday (Libby Jukes writes).

Ashleigh, from Dunston, Tyne and Wear, had her eyes removed after treatment for a rare form of cancer failed. She was one of 150 children chosen to receive a McDonald's Child of Achievement award from thousands nominated by friends and youth groups throughout Britain.

Mr Paul Preston, British president of the company sponsoring the event, said the prizes were "a recognition of the positive side of youth, and of the childrens' ability to overcome adversity and enrich the lives of others by giving more than they take".

Mrs Thatcher said the children were "VEPs — very exceptional people".

Takeover trials to emerge from their restrictive curtain

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Court of Appeal's ruling yesterday has narrowly averted a widely feared danger that — in the words of Mr Justice Henry — the Guinness trials would disappear behind "a curtain of reporting restrictions".

Media reporting of the Guinness case has been subject to an unprecedented set of reporting restrictions under a series of statutes.

The first arise under section 11 of the Criminal Justice Act, 1987, which imposes strict limits on the reporting of the new pre-trial preparatory hearings, which are aimed at simplifying and shortening serious fraud trials.

The press has also — under Mr Saunders's latest application — been threatened with restrictions under the Contempt of Court Act, 1981, section 4(ii), which gives judges power to postpone reporting of trials or parts of trials in the interests of the administration of justice.

That move was opposed by a number of news organizations, including *The Times*, and was rejected on Monday by Mr Justice Henry, who said the fair reporting of courts was the best safeguard of the rule of law and that given the public interest in the Guinness trial, it would not be right for it to start and then vanish for months behind a curtain of reporting restrictions.

The upholding of that ruling in the Court of Appeal yesterday cleared the way for reports of some of the details surrounding the trials because they are in his judgement.

Had Mr Saunders not sought that ban, the press would still be unable to report even what it may now say. Under the criminal justice provisions which came into effect last October, committal proceedings are by-passed and the case can be sent immediately to the Crown Court.

In the meantime, tight restrictions apply both to any application by the defence for the case to be discharged; and to the new, so-called preparatory hearings at which the key issues are identified.

These go further than any normal restrictions on reporting of committal proceedings in that for the first time, the decision of the court itself cannot be reported.

The apparent justification is that it would be damaging for the defendant if it were reported that a judge ruled there was evidence for the case to proceed; and that many of the issues at the preparatory hearings would not be reportable had there been ordinary committal proceedings.

It has not been possible, therefore, for the press to explain that charges against the seven defendants were split last September when the judge ruled the whole case, which involves 13 separate incidents, was too complex for a jury to cope with and was "unmanageable".

Nor, until today, has the press been able to explain that the first trial is to concern eight of these incidents and four defendants; the second, five incidents and four defendants.

Without Monday's ruling, it would still not be possible. The Attorney General has made clear to editors that it is "highly important" that their efficacy is not undermined by publicity. He takes a "serious view" of contravention of the new provisions, which means any newspaper crossing the line could be at risk of prosecution for contempt of court.

Fewer fail drink-drive breath tests

A clear signal that police are not to be given stronger powers to curb drink-driving was given by the Government yesterday, as new evidence emerged that the problem is declining (Quentin Cowdry writes).

Home Office figures showed that the percentage of English and Welsh drivers failing tests in the first three quarters of 1989 fell to 21 per cent, 6 per cent lower than in the same period the year before.

Police also administered 15 per cent more tests after accidents but found that the proportion of failures fell by 5 per cent, against the same period in 1989. In all, 342,900 motorists were breath-tested.

Mr David Waddington, the Home Secretary, who has recently persuaded the Cabinet that police should not be empowered to breath-test at random, welcomed the figures and said that the drink-driving message was "getting across" to the public.

"The fact that the proportion of positive tests continues to fall shows that the police are making full use of the tough powers which they have to tackle drink-driving."

Malicious prosecution finding

Man awarded £40,050 after police assault

By Mark Souster

A pilot was awarded £40,050 damages against the Metropolitan Police yesterday after a High Court jury found that he had been framed and assaulted by officers.

Mr Leonard Lawrence received the damages for malicious prosecution and assault. It was the seventh time in a year that the Metropolitan Police has had to pay damages for wrongful arrest or malicious prosecution.

Mr Tony Banks, Labour MP for Newham North West, chairman of the London group of Labour MPs, is to raise the level of damages paid by the Metropolitan Police with Mr David Waddington, Home Secretary, on March 6. He said: "There is considerable concern at the frequency of these cases, which are indicative of the fact there are still a number of bad apples in the Met who need cleaning out."

Mr Lawrence, aged 34, who now works for British Aerospace, won £25,000 in punitive damages, £15,000 in compensation and £50 for assault after a six-day hearing.

Lord Gifford, QC, for Mr Lawrence, told Mr Justice Popplewell that the incident had shattered his client and turned him into "something of a recluse".

Mr Lawrence, of Hayes, Middlesex, had accused officers of sticking a tax disc from his Ferrari, which he had sold, on to the windscreen of his Ford Capri. The incident happened after eight officers burst into his aunt's hairdressing salon at Hammersmith, west London, where he was working as a heating engineer in February 1984. Mr Lawrence was knocked to the ground when PC Kenneth Dring's elbow caught him in the face, the court was told.

The officers left after he convinced them he was not a burglar. However, Mr Lawrence told them he would report their conduct.

They returned 10 minutes later and took him outside to his car, which had been locked. It had all its doors open and was being searched by a "whole squad of officers".

Its tax disc, which had been stuck to the windscreen with a letter explaining why it had expired, had disappeared. In its place was a tax disc which had belonged to his Ferrari and had been lying on a shelf in the Capri. Mr Lawrence claimed the police planted the tax disc to head off his complaint against them.

Mr Lawrence was acquitted of the tax disc offence 15 months after being charged. He said yesterday: "I feel totally cleared."

The Metropolitan Police said it would appeal against the level of punitive damages. "The whole matter was fully investigated at the time and no further action will be taken," it said.

Video-recorders spread to one household in two

By David Walker

One British family in two owns a video-recorder, according to the Central Statistical Office's latest Family Expenditure Survey.

If the rapid increase in homes with a video noted in 1987 and 1988 continues into the 1990s, such equipment may soon become as common a household item as freezers (owned by 75 per cent of families) or even telephones (installed in 85 per cent of homes). The number of videos rose 7 per cent during 1988, the latest year for which Family Expenditure data exists.

While televisions are a universal fixture (98 per cent of homes), substantial numbers of households (34 per cent) lack such accoutrements of the good life as central heating. But not all consumer durables are increasing. The proportion of households with a computer was the same in 1988 as in 1987 — 17 per cent.

Telephone ownership is continuing to rise — from 83 per cent in 1987 to 85 per cent the year after. Similarly, car ownership rose by 3 per cent. However, some 34 per cent of homes are still carless.

The Family Expenditure Survey each year asks a 7,200-strong sample of households where they get their income and how they spent it.

In 1988 the average household spent £204 a week, up 8 per cent on the previous year in cash terms and 3 per cent in real terms. The average household comprises 2.52 people, so spending per head was £81 a week. The biggest item in household budgets was food (19 per cent), followed by the expenses associated with renting and owning a home (17.5 per cent).

Heating and lighting cost 5 per cent of the average budget, and clothing 7 per cent. Spending on cars and transport was twice that on clothing at 15 per cent.

There are some notable differences between the regions. The people of East Anglia, for example, spent nearly 20 per cent of their household income on leisure goods and services while people in the West Midlands spent nearly half as much.

Spending on food was the largest item in most regions, but varied from nearly 21 per cent in Northern Ireland and Wales to 17.5 per cent in the South-east.

The lowest weekly household spending was in the North (£164.38) and the highest in Greater London (£232.92). For households where the head is in a professional or managerial position, expenditure was £333. Blue-collar households spent £213.

The survey established beyond doubt how significant is the contribution made by married women who work outside the home. Where the wife worked, average income was £432 a week, with the wife contributing 27 per cent. Where the wife did not work, average income was £311, with the wife contributing 8 per cent.

Family Expenditure Survey 1988, (Stationery Office; £18).

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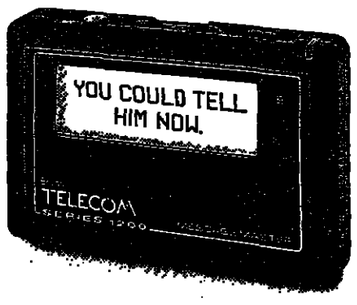

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Funds crisis 'has driven scientists from Britain'

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

More than 1,600 British scientists working abroad have signed a petition delivered to Mrs Thatcher yesterday saying that inadequate funding for science was the main obstacle preventing their return.

Four of the signatories explained why they believe British science faces a crisis. They all spoke of better conditions abroad: better funding for equipment and long-term commitments, and higher academic salaries.

They estimate that at least an extra £400 million a year is needed to remedy the situation in the UK.

Professor Michael Duff, professor of physics at the Texas A & M University, spoke of Britain's lost generation of scientists between 25 to 40 years of age.

Professor Duff, aged 41, resigned posts at Imperial College, London, and the European Centre for Nuclear Research, in Geneva, in 1988.

He said the brain drain was a very real and serious problem for British universities, for British science and ultimately for Britain as a whole.

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"The decision to quit my position at Imperial College, to sell our home and move my family to a foreign country was not taken lightly," he said.

"It is a measure of the demoralization, frustration and anger I felt that the work to which I had devoted my career was not appreciated.

"This feeling of anger is one which I believe is shared by thousands of my fellow scientists throughout Britain.

"It has been brought about by the under-funding of scientific research, by the feeling that universities have been singled out for attack by the Government and by miserable academic salaries.

"Competent British academics can easily triple or quadruple their salaries by moving to the United States."

He said they would also be offered generous start-up funds by universities for their research and stand a much greater chance of obtaining government research grants.

"People like me who gave up permanent jobs in the UK are only the tip of the iceberg as far as the brain drain is concerned," Professor Duff said.

"The majority of scientists leaving Britain are of a younger generation who were unable to obtain permanent posts in the first place."

When he resigned from Imperial College he was 39 years old. Professor Duff said he was the youngest of the nine members of staff in the theoretical physics group at the college.

But he said physicists in Britain typically got their PhDs aged 24; so where were all those between 24 and 39?

"The tragic answer is that a whole generation has been lost," he said.

Some left the academic world altogether, but many were forced to go abroad to fulfil their ambitions.

Dr Robert Bywater, head of molecular biophysics and drug design with Pharmacia, in Sweden, left Birkbeck College, London, in 1973.

He said his present research department had 20 British PhDs: 10 per cent of the top researchers; and he was constantly looking for more.

He said that in the 1960s Britain lost to the United States its three leading scientists in quantum chemistry because of lack of support for basic research in the UK.

Research laboratories in pharmaceuticals throughout the world now used daily the advances by those quantum chemists.

Dr Angus Lamond, group leader at the European Molecular Biology Laboratory in Heidelberg, obtained his PhD from Cambridge in 1984. He spent three years at the Centre for Cancer Research, at MIT in the United States, "to get my BTA (been to America) degree" that was essential to get top jobs in Europe.

Dr David Norris, aged 31, postdoctoral fellow at the University of Bremen, also in West Germany, said he was a member of the largest group, 31 per cent, who signed the petition.

Funds in Germany were better than those offered in Britain and he received twice the salary that had been offered earlier.

Trainee pilots mark revolution in the air

By Peter Davenport

Flight Lieutenants Julie Gibson (left) and Sally Cox boarding a Provost aircraft at RAF Linton-on-Ouse yesterday.

After the decision by the Royal Navy to allow women to serve on its warships on the high seas, it was the turn of the Royal Air Force yesterday. The first two women to begin training as jet aircraft pilots started their 10-month course alongside eight men at the No 1 Flying Training School, RAF Linton-on-Ouse, near York.

For Flight Lieutenants Sally Cox and Julie Gibson, both aged 27, it was the realization of an ambition. Although present policy means they will not be able to fly front line combat fighters, they are the pioneers of a programme that will change the face of the RAF.

The service, facing the same recruitment problems as the Navy and the Army, hopes women will make up at least 10 per cent of its annual intake of 230 trainee pilots.

Yesterday, professing concern at what the "chaps" might make of it all, the two women recruits met journalists, television crews and photographers. Dressed in their khaki flying suits, they patiently posed by one of the red and white Jet Provost training aircraft.

The first five weeks of the course are given over to basic classroom training followed by a rigorous survival and leadership test on the wild moors of the Otterburn military range in Northumberland. They will then make their first flight in the jet and go solo after eight to 12 hours of instruction.

If they are judged good enough, they graduate to fast jet training in Hawk aircraft at RAF Valley, Anglesey, and qualify as instructors to help train the fighter pilots of the future. Otherwise, they can act as instructors on the Jet Provost and Tucano aircraft or fly in a wide range of non-combat roles.

Both women have considerable private flying experience but until last July, when the RAF changed its policy to allow the training of female pilots, they held out little hope of being able to earn their wings.

Yesterday Lieutenant Cox, from Ipswich, who has been in the RAF for five years and served as a fighter controller in Cyprus, said: "My aim now is to fly the Hawk aircraft as an instructor. And although, given the option, I would like to go on to combat flying, it is not something I am bitter or frustrated about."

Lieutenant Cox, whose husband is a RAF fighter controller, gained her private pilot's licence in 1984 and has flown 90 hours in Cessna and Robin aircraft.

Lieutenant Gibson, from Tavistock, Devon, is carrying on a long family tradition of service. Her father was a submarine commander and her grandfather a brigadier in the Indian Army.

She has logged 70 hours of private flying and said that she had tried to enlist with air forces in the United States, Australia and Canada to defeat the "no-women" policy in Britain.

Dead dogs poster campaign relaunched

By Ruth Gledhill

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals yesterday relaunched its controversial campaign for a national dog registration scheme, which led to one of its officials being banned from Cruft's dog show.

The society placed a poster showing a mountain of dead dogs near Earls Court Underground station, west London, next to the centre where the dog show opens today.

Posters bear the caption: "While the Government looks the other way another 350,000 dogs look like this."

Mr Gavin Grant, RSPCA director of public relations, was banned from Cruft's this year after he refused to remove similar posters from a stall at Cruft's last year.

He said: "The Government may be prepared to avert its gaze from the plight of dogs in this country but the RSPCA cannot. Last year 350,000 dogs had to be destroyed and the number of strays is at the unacceptable level of 500,000.

"We sought no confrontation with the Kennel Club. We just cannot turn away from the plight of dogs."

Major General Martin Sinnatt, secretary of the Kennel Club, said the RSPCA had not applied for a stand at this year's show after Mr Grant was banned. He said: "We did not exclude them. They are running a publicity campaign. That is their business.

"We are running a dog show. That is our business."

Dons call for reliable 'brain drain' figures

By Douglas Broom, Education Reporter

Official figures on the so-called academic "brain drain" are so unreliable that they cannot prove that a problem actually exists, the Association of University Teachers (AUT) said yesterday.

Unless urgent action was taken, the universities would be powerless to counter government assertions that there was no convincing evidence to substantiate the "brain drain" claim, the union said.

Pronouncements have been based on the annual publication of the *Universities Statistical Record*, which collates figures supplied by the universities. Although the figures show a growing number of dons going abroad to work, only a minority of academics declare their destination when leaving their jobs.

The latest statistics show that while 160 dons resigned to work abroad, 90 went into industry and 108 joined the public service; 577 left without stating where they were going. "Until we can produce reliable figures, there is very little chance of convincing a highly sceptical Government," the association said.

Dr Alex Nichol, executive secretary of the *Universities Statistical Record*, conceded that the figures could not be used to prove conclusively that a brain drain was under way. "The problem is that you cannot compel people to tell their employer where they are going," he said.

Wife was depressed

Lady Helen Anne Nutting, wife of the former Conservative Minister of State for Foreign Affairs who resigned in 1956 over the handling of the Suez crisis, killed herself after suffering from depression for 12 years, Westminster Coroners' Court was told yesterday (Mark Souster writes).

Her husband, Sir Anthony Nutting, aged 70, said in written evidence that Lady Nutting, who died aged 60 on January 4 and who he had married in 1961, had been a little more agitated than usual on January 3. He had found her body in the garage of their home in Kensington, west London, with a suicide note. The coroner, Dr Paul Knapman, recorded a verdict that while suffering from depression she killed herself.

Snapped up

A signed photograph of the former Romanian dictator Nicolae Ceausescu fetched £93 pounds at an auction in Nottingham. A signed photo of Ayatollah Khomeini made £1,210 and a letter signed by Hitler went for £600.

Meter charge

A man aged 24 was remanded on bail until February 21 at Guildhall Justices Rooms, London, accused of stealing 19 parking meters.

Training ban

Race-horse training has been banned from the Caldbeck and Uldale commons in the Lake District because of objections from local farmers.

Export deal

Ginetta, of Scunthorpe, which produces only four hand-made sports cars a week, has agreed a £2.25 million export order with the Japanese.

Airport action

An airport engineer has been suspended after driving across the path of a jet coming into land at Heathrow.

Tourists drive

A record one million holidaymakers took their cars abroad last year, turning their backs on air travel, the AA reported.

Hard worker

Mrs Barbara Mayers, aged 25, who works 140 hours a week at the hotel she part-owns in Torquay, Devon, was named Britain's Hardest Worker.

Crash award

Paul Tamburello, aged 10, who saw four of his family killed in a crash, was awarded £10,233 High Court damages.

Poor service

Six out of 10 consumers complained about shoddy goods and services last year, according to a Radio 4 poll.

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Estate agents who mislead 'should be prosecuted in court'

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

Tough controls are needed to protect housebuyers and sellers from the minority of estate agents who use dubious practices or mislead the public, the chairman of the National Consumer Council said yesterday.

Lady Wilcox called for a complaints system and the award of compensation to consumers who lose out because of malpractice by estate agents. She said agents should be examined on the law relating to house sale and purchase and their own obligations before they are allowed to set up in business.

Lady Wilcox, who succeeded Baroness Oppenheim-Barnes as chairman last month, was introducing the council's *Estate Agency* paper, published in response to proposals by the Director-General of Fair Trading for tightening up the rules governing agents.

She said: "I believe most estate agents do a good job. But unless dubious practices by a cowboy minority are stamped out, the public could lose confidence in estate agents generally."

The council paper agrees with the Office of Fair Trading that it should be a criminal offence for agents to publish misleading information and it wants local trading standards officers to be able to prosecute offenders.

"A shopkeeper who sells you a three-piece suite or even just a bag of flour must describe the goods truthfully. Why should people who sell houses, the biggest purchase most of us ever make, get away with falsifying particulars to try to clinch a deal?" Lady Wilcox asked.

A council survey carried out among people who had been involved in recent house transactions showed that 59 per cent of vendors thought agents "overall provided a good service" although only 50 per cent thought their charges were "reasonable". Only 52 per cent of buyers thought agents provided a good service.

The council concluded that there was sufficient public dissatisfaction with estate agents to require further statutory controls.

It recommends that agents could be banned from trading for life if they over-value property to get a vendor's business, or knowingly undervalue it without the vendor's permission to make a quick sale. It also calls for trading bans if agents fail to disclose a personal interest in writing, or if they fail to pass on bids to vendors because the potential buyers do not want to obtain a mortgage or endowment policy from them.

Why should house agents be able to lie to clinch a deal?

The consumer council says agents should clarify what they intend to charge in fees and commission. They should also explain that if an agent has "sole selling rights", the vendor must pay his fee even if the property is sold without his help. The council suggests that agents who adopt terms such as these should include a prominent warning on the contract: "Remember: you must pay our fee even if you sell the property through your own efforts."

The council has disclosed the following case histories as examples of the practices it wants to see eradicated.

"Mr P", of Leicester, made an offer through an estate agent for a terraced house and was told he could buy it only if he bought a mortgage through the agency. When he said it was blackmail, he was told: "It is, if you want to call it that".

In the second case, "Mrs W", who was trying to buy a house in London, was offered a mortgage by the estate agent. She thought she would need a mortgage protection policy but she cancelled it when she discovered it was poor value for money and unnecessary.

She received a bill for £1,482 and found she had signed a form promising to pay an arrangement fee of 2 per cent of the mortgage unless she took out an insurance policy through the agent.

In another case, "Miss R" made an offer on a London flat and paid a deposit of £50. Two weeks later she was asked for, and paid, a further £100 deposit. She agreed to take out a mortgage through the agent's financial services subsidiary, but when she withdrew her offer because the flat did not have planning permission, she was refunded the £50, but not the £100. She was told that had been used to cover the firm's expenses in preparing her mortgage application.

Unsolicited look at the Lord Chancellor

Lord Mackay, the Lord Chancellor, with the cartoon he was given yesterday at the new Law Society Shop, opposite the Royal Courts of Justice in the Strand.

The Lord Chancellor took a break from steering government Bills through the House of Lords yesterday and ventured into the Strand to visit the first solicitors' shop, opposite the Royal Courts of Justice (Frances Gibb writes).

But if he was after cheaper and quicker justice, like other consumers of legal services, he was to be disappointed, at least as far as these new legal premises were concerned. The idea of the Law Society Shop, Lord Mackay of Clashfern heard, was to improve "access to justice". Or, as Mr John Hayes, secretary general of the society put it, to present the "human face of the Law Society" and to promote the profession as more friendly, visible and accessible.

Mr David Ward, president of the Law Society, said: "We are told as solicitors we should be more available on the high street — and there is no more famous high street than this."

The shop's main customers will be solicitors although the public and law students are expected also to use it.

Services available will include a careers advice centre, a recruitment service to help firms to find staff and a bookshop selling the Law Society's own publications.

Videos are on sale, including a light-hearted if salutary view of how the public sees solicitors. There are also paperweights and ties, but no wigs yet, Mr Hayes said.

Unveiling a plaque, Lord Mackay took the chance to drive home the main message of his proposed reforms to the legal profession. Service to clients was the basis of his Courts and Legal Services Bill, he said.

He welcomed the shop as evidence of the Law Society's commitment to improved access to the public.

No money was exchanged but the Lord Chancellor did not leave empty-handed. He was given a Law Society tie and a cartoon by Chris Duggan, the *New Law Journal* cartoonist. It was, he said, "very revealing; considering the situation. Not at all bad, perhaps rather flattering. There's nothing like seeing ourselves as others see us".

Railway posters set joint world record

SALEROOM

by Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent

Ephemera came into its own when two 1920s posters urging tourists to visit the East Coast by London North Eastern Railway each set a joint world record of £5,500 for posters.

The posters were the highlight of a sale at Onslow's on Tuesday of 55 posters from the studio of Tom Purvis (1888-1959), the foremost British poster artist between the world wars.

One shows a couple luxuriating under a parasol on a beach while the other has a bevy of bathing beauties joining a suitably nautical-looking oarsman in a dinghy.

The posters, which have only just come to light, measure 40in by 50in and were mounted on linen so that Purvis could use them to illustrate his lectures. At the time of the commission, he charged up to £250 for a design. The two posters were each estimated at £2,000 to £3,000.

The National Railway Museum, York, paid £5,500 for Purvis's archive, comprising specimens of work, press cuttings and snap shots of himself and his Lancia car.

Paintings by the Scottish Colourist group continued to fetch high prices at Sotheby's Glasgow on Tuesday night.

Top lot was by F C B Cadell, featuring an overmantle mirror topped with an imperial eagle seen through a half-open door, which sold anonymously for £176,000 (estimate £100,000-£150,000).

Minor Old Master paintings fetched a record £687,950 at Christie's South Kensington yesterday, with only 6 per cent unsold. "Three smokers at a table covered with a carpet", catalogued as "after Theodor Rombouts" sold for £20,900 (estimate £3,000).

● The Chesterfield wine coolers, saved for the nation last month by the National Museum of Scotland and the Victoria and Albert Museum, can be seen at the International Silver and Jewellery Fair at the Park Lane hotel, Mayfair, from tomorrow. The coolers, by Paul de Lamerie, the Huguenot silversmith, were destined for the United States after being sold at auction to Jack Koopman, the dealer, in 1987.

The sale will include a candelabrum presented by Queen Victoria to the Archbishop of Canterbury to mark her marriage to Prince Albert in February 1840. It will be offered by Garrard for £75,000.

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Loophole in law puts old people in danger

By Mark Souster

MPs are being urged to close a legal loophole which allows elderly people living in small residential care homes to be exploited by unscrupulous owners.

At present, homes which care for up to three people do not have to be registered or inspected.

That means that residents run the risk of neglect and attack, the Association of Directors of Social Services says. Owners can also disregard fire and safety regulations.

The association wants the House of Commons standing committee that is considering the NHS and Community Care Bill to force all establishments to register with their local authority, making them liable for inspection and closure if necessary.

Mr John Rea, the association's president, said many small homes offered excellent care, but an unknown proportion of owners — some with records for fraud or assault — had "turned evasion of the law into a science".

Calling for new safeguards for the frail and elderly, he said: "This forgotten generation has too often been subject to neglect and assault in small homes run for profit. I would not wish to see a relative of mine living in one of these homes."

One example of evasion of the law was a larger home that had been deregistered after allegations of physical abuse against old people; it was able to reopen after it reduced the number of residents to three.

In other cases, neighbouring homes are run by one owner who does not have to register them because they are separate units; one is said to own a street of 12 houses.

Other homes escape the regulations by offering personal care to three residents but only bed and breakfast accommodation to others.

Dear has no regrets over disbanding crime squad

By Craig Seton

As he approaches the last six weeks of his five-year term as Chief Constable of the West Midlands, Mr Geoffrey Dear is being accused of leaving behind an atmosphere of bitterness and discord among detectives who were put back into uniform while an investigation into alleged corruption was conducted.

However, Mr Dear is quite certain that he was right in his unprecedented purge of the élite West Midlands serious crime squad, which he disbanded last June after allegations that evidence had been fabricated to gain convictions.

Mr Dear, aged 52, who becomes Inspector of Constabulary for the Midlands from April 1, does not believe the force's accomplishments over the last five years should be overshadowed by his breaking up of the squad; or by his decision two months later to move more than 50 detectives from operational duties into administrative jobs to give a clear run to an inquiry being conducted by Mr Donald Shaw, Assistant Chief Constable of West Yorkshire.

The action was necessary to allow the inquiry to go ahead and to set and maintain high standards. It was also to signal the end of any assumptions that police officers could bend the rules to convict criminals.

Nevertheless, the serious crime squad issue is one of the most critical episodes of Mr Dear's career. His action has been attacked in *Police*, the magazine of the Police Federation, which suggested he had publicly humiliated the detectives and consigned them to roles where they could no longer use their police powers.

Mr Dear said he believed that attacks on him from within the force of nearly 7,000 officers were confined to former members of the serious crime squad and their supporters. He described them as a coterie of no more than 200 officers. He was not aware of public criticism of his actions.

Mr Dear said: "I am totally confident that around 6,700 officers in the force are behind my action.

"We have said right from the start that when officers were cleared by the inquiry, they should go back on to ordinary duty. I would like that to happen before I left the force. I do not underestimate the distress to them and their families."

Mr Dear, who began his career as a constable in Peterborough and progressed to the West Midlands through senior positions in other provincial forces and the Metropolitan Police, said the public no longer accepted that the police could bend the rules to get "the right man".

Corruption for financial gain which had existed in small pockets among the police in big cities had gone.

"There has been a sea change. There was a public attitude perhaps 15 years ago which said: 'If you cannot get them one way, get them another, as long as you get the right guy'. Conduct which was recognized unofficially, almost admired unofficially in some quarters, is now being resisted.

"Writing your own rules is a very slippery slope to get on to. Where will it stop? If there is any wrongdoing proved against the serious crime squad, they were living out of their time."

Mr Dear: "Most of the force are still behind my action."

The Chief Constable denied that he stood aloof from the dismay of many detectives who undoubtedly would be cleared by the inquiry.

"Bearing in mind that you not only run the force, but are also responsible for discipline, there are some things you have to remain apart from. There is always going to be a police force. It is going to go forward and up on its adherence to quality and standards and this crime squad thing is all about standards."

Mr Dear, who has been widely tipped to become Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police eventually, believes it would be wrong if the last five years of the West Midlands force was remembered purely for the serious crime squad episode.

He took over only months before the Handsworth riots erupted in Birmingham in 1985. The force was ill-equipped and ill-prepared. That had changed. It had become technically efficient and properly equipped and, he believed, morale was high.

"A lot has been achieved in five years. It is a force which believes in itself. If you get outside the serious crime squad business you can see that immediately. Everywhere else is going up and up."

Mr Dear is not convinced that the serious crime squad issue was part of a trend which also brought criticism of police action over Hillsborough, Wapping and the Guildford four.

The public, he said, remained hugely supportive of the police, but society had become sharper edged: less tolerant of perceived inefficiencies and it was more willing to criticize. It had happened over the business world in the City of London, the running of the National Health Service, to solicitors and to doctors.

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Emigration in the 'Neighbours' era

Britons succumb to call of Australia

By David Walker, Public Administration Correspondent

The rate at which British people are emigrating to Australia picked up noticeably in 1987 and 1988, the years after the first broadcast of the popular antipodean soap opera *Neighbours* in autumn 1986.

Although the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys makes no mention of the possible influence of the television serial in its latest round-up of immigration and emigration figures, it draws attention to a "marked increase" in the net outflow of people to Australia.

By contrast, the number of people intending to settle in the other "old Commonwealth" countries, Canada and New Zealand, fell during 1987 and 1988.

Migration to Australia from the United Kingdom was higher during the recession of the early 1980s, but the latest figures show it picking up from the low levels recorded from 1983 onwards. In 1988, 44,100 British residents left for Australia, twice the number of 1985.

The office reports that in 1988 there was a net loss of people from the UK — 216,000 intending to settle here compared with 237,000 moving abroad. That loss is small compared with those in most years before 1983 but contrasts with the attractiveness of the UK to immigrants in the period 1983-87.

The net effect of migration by black people and Asians seems to be declining. In 1988, there was a net outflow of people with residences in the UK to the Caribbean, while there was a net inflow of people from Bangladesh, India and Sri Lanka, but at the lowest figure recorded in the 1980s. Some 11,900 people immigrated from the Indian sub-continent while 4,900 emigrated.

Figures show that, within the UK, Ulster and Scotland are substantial net exporters of people to England while Wales is a net importer. In 1987-88, Wales gained a net total of 17,500 people from the rest of the UK, the highest figure of the 1980s.

About 40 per cent of people emigrating from the UK are citizens of foreign countries who have been living here. Similarly, many migrants into the UK are British citizens returning — about 41 per cent are British.

During the 1980s, the attractions of other EC nations have gone up and down. In 1987 and 1988 there was a net loss of people living in the UK to other EC countries, compared with net gains from 1982 to 1986. But as far as the UK is concerned intra-EEC movements are relatively unimportant. In 1988, for example, more people emigrated to the US than to EEC countries.

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Zulu chief ready for immediate talks on ending apartheid

Buthelezi fears rise in black-on-black violence

From R.W. Johnson
Ulundi, KwaZulu

Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the South African Zulu leader, yesterday declared himself ready for immediate negotiations with President de Klerk on ending apartheid.

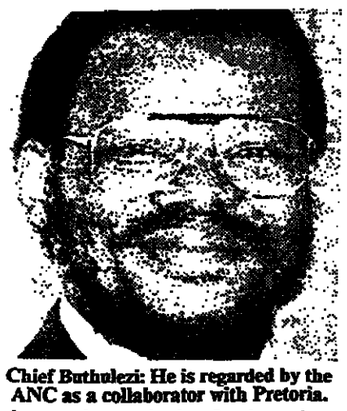
But, in an interview with *The Times*, he said he feared that the violence in Natal between the anti-apartheid United Democractic Front (UDF) and his own Inkatha movement, which to date has cost some 3,000 lives, could get worse.

Black South Africans are only just beginning to confront the new political world opened to them by Mr de Klerk, and Chief Buthelezi's suggestion that negotiations could start immediately is calculated to embarrass the African National Congress and its local supporters.

The latter, accustomed to the politics of protest, have generally been thrown into confusion by the very idea of the politics of negotiation, despite such negotiations were what they have so long demanded.

Chief Buthelezi is bound to be a pivotal player in these negotiations — indeed, he was the only black leader besides Nelson Mandela, the jailed ANC leader, singled out for special mention by Mr de Klerk.

As I talked with Chief Buthelezi in his KwaZulu Cabinet office here, it became clear how important had been his experience with the KwaZulu-Natal Indaba, which had devised a multi-racial



Chief Buthulezi: He is regarded by the ANC as a collaborator with Pretoria.

democratic constitution for the region. The Indaba plan was dismissed by Pretoria at the time, but now it could become the blueprint for a new South African constitution.

When I asked the assembled KwaZulu Cabinet who they thought their allies in negotiation might be, a roar of laughter erupted— for that had been the subject of their Cabinet discussion that morning. There is no doubt, either, that their *consideration of such matters is a long* way ahead of other groups in its sophistication.

Thus while, Inkatha favours private enterprise and has an image of being rather anti South Africa's Indian population, *it believes it may, in certain* circumstances, find allies among some Indian groups as well as among the far-left radicals of the Pan Africanist Congress, for all that the latter is trying to outflank the ANC by refusing altogether to negotiate with Pretoria.

Chief Buthelezi is a man of great charm and intelligence, but also a deeply hated man; the ANC not only regards him as a collaborator with Pretoria but *holds him responsible for the bloody* fighting between Inkatha and the UDF.

The fighting has achieved fresh intensity in recent months. House-burning, necklacing (the murder of victims with a *burning car tyre around the neck) and* the sound of gunfire are common in many black Natal townships. On Tuesday night, I was told, heavier guns were heard for the first time. Those I spoke to laid the blame squarely on the UDF's "young comrades", but proof is hard to come by.

Chief Buthelezi himself angrily denies all responsibility for the violence, claiming, no doubt correctly, that much of it is committed by criminal elements beyond the control of either side.

"I pray only for the violence to stop," he told me. "We have opened fresh peace talks with the UDF, but I fear the violence is only going to get worse now that young ANC insurgents will be dribbling back from exile, bringing their AK-47s with them.

"They'll try to do what Swapo (the South West Africa People's Organization) *did last year and send their fighters* streaming back, gun in hand. It's essential for everyone that this is not allowed to happen."

I put it to Chief Buthelezi that, while Inkatha may have held on to much of its power base as a result of the fighting, the price had been high not only in lives but in the tarnishing of his reputation both at home and abroad.

"We have certainly paid a high price," he said. "The great superiority of the ANC has lain in its international diplomatic effort, and they have got the foreign press to swallow their version of events. But when it comes to a question *of survival, you simply have no choice.* You protect your people, your base."

Chief Buthelezi felt that the Natal question was now fundamental to negotiations, for neither Inkatha nor the ANC would be *keen to sit down with the* other while the violence continued. It was, in any case, essential to establish peace so that proper elections could take place.

He believes that the ANC has departed from its historic tradition and come under communist influence largely because, in exile, it has been disembodied and out of touch with its grass roots. As it returns home it too will find that the question of power bases is fundamental.

In Mandela's decision to have a house built for himself in his native Transkei, Chief Buthelezi sees a clear sign that Mandela hopes to consolidate his sup*port there and thus become the only* ANC leader with both a large rural and urban following.

Meanwhile, Chief Buthelezi has considerable sympathy with Mandela's dilemma: who could want to be made a virtual prisoner of one's ANC bodyguards the way that Mr Walter Sisulu and the other recently released black leaders had been?

Chief Buthelezi placed great hope on the possibility that he and Mandela, the leaders of the Zulu and Xhosa peoples

Pretoria (AFP) — Four black men were burnt to death when petrol bombs were thrown into a bus at Botshabelo township near Bloemfontein in the Orange Free State, police said yesterday. And in Natal, police said that a 15-month-old baby was burnt when a shack was set on fire at a settlement.

respectively, could achieve some *rapprochement*, but emphasized that a considerable gulf remained between them, as Mandela's recent endorsement of sweeping nationalisation and the armed struggle had shown.

I pointed out to Chief Buthelezi that the ANC would never accept the notion that he represented all Zulus and that, in the event of an ANC-Inkatha *rapprochement*, the ANC might demand the complete fusion of his organization with the ANC.

He replied that the negotiations would be between parties, not language groups *or homelands, but that it was folly to* disregard the fact that he, as a member of the Zulu royal family, represented something real. Furthermore, fusion would never do.

"I don't believe in the politics of changes of heart — they're so fickle. In any case, I believe in democratic pluralism. It's best if people argue for their real interests. I don't want whites to think they have to throw their interests away to be our brothers — I want them to argue hard for white interests. And everybody else, too."

Of Mr de Klerk, Chief Buthelezi had nothing but good to say. "South Africa is *lucky to have a man like him at this* juncture. P.W. Botha (the former President) reached the crossroads and then just milled about at them.

"When I've met De Klerk what I really *liked about the man was his honesty.* There are a lot of Africans who would vote for De Klerk. Maybe" — this with a laugh — "maybe more than would vote for me. At any rate, he's fulfilled all my conditions for negotiation and so I'm ready to negotiate now.

"If the ANC aren't ready, that's their problem. They chose the armed-struggle path and criticized people like me who stayed inside the country and organized. Well, now we've got our organization (Inkatha claims 1.2 million members) and I don't see why we should sit around waiting for them to get their act together."

De Klerk faces conservative backlash

From Gavin Bell, Cape Town

Mr Koos van der Merwe, the Chief Whip of the Conservative Party of South Africa, is a large, robust man with a neat, clipped moustache who presents himself as the urbane and acceptable face of Afrikaner nationalism.

His restraint deserted him on Tuesday, when he was ejected from Parliament for refusing to withdraw a remark that President de Klerk was a traitor. By yesterday, his composure had returned as he addressed foreign correspondents.

"First of all, I would like to inform you that I was released unconditionally last night. I am not out on parole, so I can speak to you as an unbanned person." (Wit and irony are hallmarks of Mr Van der Merwe's style.)

The Conservative Party, he said, believed there was room for everybody in South Africa — provided they stayed in their own areas. The answer to the country's problems was a "just and equitable" division of the land into separate states, with an Afrikaner fatherland somewhere and homelands for the rest of the population somewhere else.

He painted a picture of a country littered with the graves of Afrikaner heroes who had died for their fatherland. "We only want that part of South Africa that is legally ours, which we have fought for, for which we have spilled our blood."

He had difficulty with the concept of non-racial democracy: "I do not know what non-racial means, because there are races. How can you say all of a sudden there are no races? It is stupid."

He said that Mr de Klerk and his National Party had deliberately "crooked" the white electorate by reneging on campaign pledges to reject dialogue with the African National Congress (ANC) as long as it espoused violence. "That which is facing us, ladies and gentlemen, is nothing but black ANC communist domination in this country."

He said the Conservative Party would mobilize whites against the Government in a legal and non-violent manner and campaign for the support of one million voters. "Action One Million" would culminate in a mass rally in Pretoria on May 26, at which the masses would demand that the Government resign and face a general election.

If necessary, the party would stage protest marches and strikes which would cripple South African Airways, police, fire and hospital services, schools and buses.

In response to a question, he said: "My answer rings as follows: we reject violence as a method to accomplish political ends. But I must say that the Government is creating a climate, a mood, in which violence can become a possibility."

Johannesburg (Reuter) — South African police have arrested a third former policeman in connection with allegations that death squads had killed scores of anti-apartheid activists in South Africa and abroad over the past decade.

The right-wing spokesman is dismissed by his opponents as a political buffoon. However, the Conservative Party represents a large number of people. It emerged from the general elections last year as the official opposition in the white House of Assembly, polling 673,000 votes, or almost one-third of the total.

On its extremist fringes, there are men sworn to defend the Afrikaner cause with arms. Following a report in *The Times* about a potential threat to Nelson Mandela's life, a senior National Party source admitted last night that the Government was terrified by the prospect.

Mandela might be permitted to recruit armed guards from ANC ranks, he said: "Providing they do it discreetly and don't go around flaunting weapons, we could possibly turn a blind eye to that. The priority is to keep him alive, whoever does it."

● **Jackson arrival:** The organizers of the highly-orchestrated protests against the South African cricket tour by Mike Gatting's team are hoping that the Rev Jesse Jackson, the American civil rights campaigner, will lead their march today (Ray Kennedy writes)

Mr Jackson, who arrived in South Africa yesterday, has not yet publicly responded to the protest invitation.

Yesterday the acting chief magistrate of Johannesburg banned today's planned demonstration at the Wanderers Ground, where Gatting's team and the South Africans begin a five-day "test match."

Mr Krish Naidoo, general secretary of the National Sports Congress, was adamant that anti-tour protests would continue.

Mr Jackson made it clear yesterday that what he hoped to do was to see Nelson Mandela "walk down the streets of Johannesburg while I am here". However, many observers feel the American's presence in South Africa is one of the factors delaying Mandela's release from jail.

Police blocked off access to Jan Smuts Airport near Johannesburg yesterday before Mr Jackson arrived. They said they were on the lookout for white right-wing extremists who have threatened to "take action" against Mr Jackson.

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The Rev Jesse Jackson, right, after arriving in South Africa, meets Mr Walter Sisulu of the ANC. He said he hoped to see Nelson Mandela 'walk down the streets of Johannesburg'.

WORLD ROUNDUP

Karachi clashes leave 28 dead

Karachi — An indefinite curfew was imposed and the Pakistani Army took control of several districts of Karachi after at least 28 people were killed and more than 100 wounded in clashes between supporters of the opposition Mohajir Qaumi Movement and the security forces (Zahid Hussain writes). One soldier and four policemen were killed.

For the past week, the city has been plunged into violence as supporters of the ruling Pakistan People's Party and the Mohajir movement, which represents post-independence immigrants from India and their descendants, fought gun battles in the streets. Mobs attacked troops and police and 115 people were arrested. Earlier, a strike called by the Mohajirs had virtually paralyzed Karachi. Mr Altaf Hussain, the Mohajir leader, claimed the People's Party had kidnapped and tortured 100 of his party's men.

Oil protection strategy

Washington — The Pentagon, in its latest reassessment of defence priorities in Eastern Europe, has concluded that US military strategy in the Gulf should concentrate on protecting oil supplies and discount a Soviet threat to Iran (Susan Ellicott writes). In a classified report on military planning, the Defence Department has instructed the military to abandon a plan which would have involved a mission to defend Iran because of a perceived reduction in the Moscow threat. The document, which provides regional military commanders with an idea of the Pentagon's intended policies for 1992-97, also suggested that the US *military might have to give up its bases in the Philippines* and set up new ones in Asia.

Japan poll ignored

Tokyo — *Japan's ruling Liberal Democrats have shrugged* aside an opinion poll suggesting they could find it difficult to win a majority in the general elections later this month (Joe Joseph writes). Although a survey of 130 constituencies carried out by the *Mainichi* newspaper predicted that the party could have a tough fight to win the 257 seats it needs for a majority in the 512-seat Lower House, its leaders are already choosing the next Prime Minister and parcelling out the post-election jobs The party has resigned itself to losing several of its 295 seats in the February 18 poll. But it is confident that, even if it fails to reach the 257-seat target, there will be enough pro-LDP MPs among the 170 independent candidates to assure it of control.

US stance attacked

A bitter attack on the United States Government's "excessively conciliatory" policy towards China since the Tiananmen Square massacre, accusing it of "outright hypocrisy", is published today by the Asia Watch Committee, an American human rights organization (Andrew McEwen writes). The report dismisses Peking's recent decision to lift martial law as little more than a public relations exercise. Hopes of human rights improvements in China soon are "entirely unsupported by the facts", with between 10,000 and 30,000 people still behind bars, it says.

Aids spreads in China

Peking (Reuter) — China says Aids is "spreading fast" among its 1.1 billion people, and that 153 Chinese had *caught the disease — compared to just six cases previously* reported. State radio yesterday quoted Mr Dai Zhi Cheng, a senior health ministry official, as saying: "Our abilities to control this disease are limited and we do not have the whole situation in hand." The New China News Agency said the *increase came to light after an inspection among drug* addicts in China's south-western border region revealed that 146 people were infected.

Italy relents on exiles

Rome — The bodies of two exiled Italian kings and a queen will be brought home and buried in Rome's Pantheon, traditional resting place of the Savoia family (Paul Bompard writes). Under the new concordat signed recently between Italy and the Vatican, the Pantheon no longer has political significance. The bodies to be moved are those of King Vittorio Emanuele III (1869-1947), now buried in Egypt; King Umberto II (1904-1983), buried in France; and Queen Elena, wife of Vittoria Emanuele, also buried in France.

Victims of Beirut crossfire testify to the hatred

From Juan Carlos Gumucio
Ashrafiyeh, east Beirut

He must have been in his early fifties, heavy and bald, and probably thought he had a chance. The man whose body lies sprawled in the emptiness of the Corniche Pierre Gemayel in Christian east Beirut clearly had tried to escape but there was nowhere to go.

He was cut down by machine-gun fire as the bullet holes in his white Mercedes testify so neatly. Nearby, two other corpses — one of a driver slumped over the wheel of a large American car — rot under the hazy sun.

They were civilians, also trapped in the crossfire. Nobody knows when. If help was ever on its way, it never arrived. A ceasefire of sorts — a 90-minute lull in the fighting between the Christian factions of General Michel Aoun and Mr Samir Geagea in east Beirut — yesterday allowed the evacuation of some of the most critically wounded civilians from the Hôtel Dieu hospital, a four-storey block full of wounded people, horror stories and tangible hatred.

In the main hall, Camille Saad, aged nine, sat on his bed speechless, an expression of utter disbelief in his dark eyes. He had just woken up to realize that his right arm was gone — amputated after a mortar round exploded inside his house in Jdeidi, blowing off his hand. Wherever one looked in east Beirut yesterday, there was the familiar, frightening reminder that Lebanon's cruelty knows no limits.

Yet the same men who were firing the weapons were sharing the medicines, the water and the food with the 200 or so innocent victims of their war. Wounded militiamen of Mr Geagea's Lebanese Forces were chanting "Aoun no good, Aoun will kill you", next to moaning old women who were afraid of dying for lack of adequate help.

"I am with Aoun," confided Martha, a nurse aged 27. "Look at them," she said pointing to a row of beds of wounded *militiamen. "They* have provoked the war. They are to be blamed for our tragedy."

The massive devastation of eight days' murderous battles between troops loyal to General Aoun and the militiamen is only one feature of the suicidal brutality of the country's latest conflict. So vicious is the eight-day-old war for control of the Christian enclave that virtually no building in east Beirut has been *spared.*

"General Aoun has given us a choice," said Emmad, aged 20, a computer science student who emerged from his shelter to buy bread from a van doing probably the most dangerous *commercial round in Leba*non. "To die or to die.

"We only have to decide how. If you go out in the street, it will be a sniper. If you stay in your house it will be a shell. And your family will never know who did it."

With shots whizzing overhead, M Bernard Kouchner, the French Secretary of State for Humanitarian Affairs, led a convoy of eight Lebanese Red Cross ambulances to rescue the 12 most critically injured civilians to send them to hospitals in France — the youngest an eight-month-old boy with a 1½ins shrapnel wound in the head.

British mother braves snipers

Ashrafiyeh — A British woman had a brush with death in Lebanon's inter-Christian civil war when the ambulance in which she was being driven to give birth at an east Beirut hospital was hit by sniper fire last night (Juan Carlos Gumucio writes). "I just prayed they would not hit me in the stomach," Mrs Sara Khouri, aged 27, from Shortlands, in Kent, told reporters at the Hotel Dieu Hospital, where her son, Matthew, was born soon afterwards. Both are said to be in good condition.

Trial by television brings US child abuse case back to court

From Ivor Davis
Los Angeles

An unprecedented campaign by parents *who claim* their children were molested at a California nursery school has breathed new life into what are already the longest and most costly legal proceedings in American history.

Three weeks after a trial lasting 2½ years, in which Mr Raymond Buckey and his mother, Mrs Peggy McMartin Buckey, were acquitted of molesting pupils at their Manhattan Beach nursery school, Mr Ira Reiner, the Los Angeles District Attorney, has said he plans to retry Mr Buckey on the 13 charges of molestation and conspiracy on which the original jury could not reach a verdict.

The move comes after the decision of the youngsters' parents to go over the heads of the legal authorities and the jury and take their case directly to the public.

As soon as the verdicts had been *handed down in mid-January, the* parents held press conferences, organized letter-writing campaigns to politicians, and bombarded the radio and television airwaves, becoming a staple on all the coast-to-coast chat shows, where their hosts made little pretence at objectivity, roundly denouncing the verdict as a travesty of justice.

Howard Rosenberg, the Pulitzer Prize-winning television critic of *The Los Angeles Times*, called it "retrial by TV talk show".

In an atmosphere of vigilantism, he accused the media and the children's parents of ignoring due process of law and the jury system, bypassing the principle of "one's day in court" and manipulating the media in a perversion of justice.

Indeed, the spectacle of Judge William Pounders doing the talk-*show rounds was hard to swallow*, as was the sight of a young student from the school looking straight into the camera on one such epic and saying: "We were molested, and that's an honest to God fact."

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Oprah Winfrey, America's most popular talk-show host, told a studio audience packed with McMartin parents and supporters that she would not have made a good juror. "I would have said: 'The children said it, so all right . . . you're right'."

Another show flashed the address of the Los Angeles District Attorney and the judge on screen so that viewers could write to them to urge a retrial on the 13 counts.

Whatever the implications of such tactics, they worked. Mr Reiner, a canny politician who is seeking the office of Attorney-General of California and who has been heavily criticized for his handling of the case, announced that he was going ahead with a second prosecution for four main reasons.

These were: the seriousness of the alleged offences; the commitment of the families involved; his own feeling that there had to be a complete resolution of the case for the sake of both sides; and the judge's assessment that, given the evidence, the verdict could have gone either way.

Response to Mr Reiner's announcement was swift. Mr Danny Davis, Mr Buckey's defence attorney, filed a motion to disqualify Judge Pounders because of bias.

Mr Davis claims Judge Pounders cut short defence arguments and made public statements which showed he believed in Mr Buckey's guilt. Judge Pounders is challenging the motion.

Miss Lael Rubin, a Deputy District Attorney, who was on the original prosecution team, said the *decision to proceed once more* against Mr Buckey had been taken only after much soul-searching, long discussions with the families of the children, and three lengthy meetings with Mr Reiner.

She added that three of the five children involved with the remaining 13 counts were expected to testify, including one girl who had refused to do so in the original trial.

Jurors who had given up more than two years to decide the fate of Mr Buckey and his mother were shocked by the announcement. They expressed doubts that an unbiased jury could be found for the new proceedings anywhere in Los Angeles County, given the publicity.

"Everyone is hysterical and no one is dealing with this rationally," Miss Brenda Williams, one of the jurors, said. "I thought once you were found not guilty of charges, that the charges were dropped. But no one seems willing to drop this."

Mr Buckey: Faces new trial after parents' outcry.

SOVIET UNION CHARTS A NEW COURSE

UK hails Moscow plenum outcome as 'historic step'

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Editor, and Daniel Treisman

Mrs Margaret Thatcher yesterday hailed the outcome of the historic Soviet Central Committee plenum in Moscow as a great decision.

A government statement described it as "an historic step" and said Britain respected President Gorbachov's clarity of vision.

Mrs Thatcher last night became the first Western leader to receive a first-hand account of the plenum when one of those present, Mr Vadim Medvedev, the Communist Party's ideology chief, arrived to see her at Downing Street within hours of its conclusion.

She said afterwards that the Soviet Union had changed "further than we could ever have thought five years ago". There was still a great deal to be done, but the ending of the Communist Party's monopoly of power was "a great decision".

Mrs Thatcher had said Mr Medvedev had come "hot-foot" from the session. "We were waiting this morning for the result of the plenum and were very pleased indeed that it went well."

Mr Medvedev, flying to Britain as the head of a delegation of Soviet deputies, was given red-carpet treatment at Downing Street. He said the situation was now clearer for the party congress, to be held in the autumn. "We are into the home stretch for the congress, and the congress itself will make a radical turn."

He described the decision to adopt multi-party democracy as a real genuine political process in play. "The Communist Party will use democratic and political methods to campaign for the mandate of the people ... to be the ruling party and govern the country and lead it forward."

Mr Medvedev had said on his arrival at Heathrow airport that the Central Committee vote to back Mr Gorbachov's proposals for change was "opening up a new page in *perestroika*" and had demonstrated the Communists' vigorous commitment to reform.

He declared that "the result of the vote — the fact that it has been almost unanimous — testifies, I think, to the fact that the party and its leading body, the Central Committee, are full of vigour and want to promote *perestroika* and deepen it".

Mr Medvedev appeared eager to present an image of the party rallying round after the soul-searching and tongue-lashing of the plenum. He said the vote had been preceded by a very intense discussion in which more than 60 speakers took part, and the draft document followed much work by the special commission, set up at the start of the plenum.

He said: "Probably it's a little premature to say anything concrete at this point, but I'm quite sure that, having analysed the document adopted by the plenary session, you will see for yourself that it really opens up a new page in *perestroika*."

Mr Medvedev was welcomed at the airport by Mr Michael Marshall MP, the chairman of the British Group of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, which invited the Soviet delegation, along with Sir Rodric Braithwaite, the British Ambassador, to Moscow, and Mr Leonid Zamyatin, the Soviet Ambassador to London.

The delegation, including Soviet officials and members of the Supreme Soviet, will meet Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Deputy Prime Minister, and Mr Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, during its week-long stay in Britain. Mr Medvedev will also call on Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, and all will participate in discussions with British parliamentarians.

Mr Medvedev, made a full member of the Politburo and appointed chairman of the Central Committee ideological commission in September 1988, is considered the most economically literate member of the Politburo. A former Leningrad academic who later joined the party apparatus, he has written several books on economic theory.

He is thought to be a close adviser to President Gorbachov and has supported his reforms, though his reluctance to see the work of Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn published in the Soviet Union singled him out in some eyes as conservative.

Yesterday, he appeared reassured by the Central Committee's support for Mr Gorbachov, after he himself had warned the plenum on Tuesday that the very survival of the party was at stake.

He said: "Either we prove able to lead a rapid but controlled process of transformation, or it will become an uncontrolled deluge and fall under the influence of populist demagogues or even fanatical leaders of pogroms."

In an interview in Moscow before he left, Mr Medvedev had taken issue with the contention by some speakers that many of the Soviet Union's political and economic problems were the fault of perestroika.

"In my view, the difficulties we are encountering have been inherited from the past. *Perestroika* has just uncovered them," he said.

Mr Medvedev said the "dominating opinion" at the plenum was for direct elections of delegates to the next party congress in some form. But the exact methods had to be decided when the party's statutes were recast over the next few weeks.

Mr Medvedev's aide, Mr Leonid Dobrokhotov, said he thought it unlikely that big personnel changes would emerge from the plenum: "In the course of elections for the coming party congress and at the congress itself for the new leadership bodies, the old branches are likely to fall away naturally."

Peking warning

Peking (Reuter) — China's leadership, increasingly isolated by changes sweeping the communist world, delivered its sternest warning to opponents yesterday, saying a weak Communist Party would mean turmoil and war. The 47-million-strong party, the world's largest, raised the age-old Chinese fear of chaos, in a statement clearly intended as a reply to the radical changes in Moscow, pushed through by President Gorbachov. It warned of a split in the nation which would lead to the suffering of the people.

The key to party's hold on power

Article 6 is part of the Soviet constitution adopted on October 7, 1977, by a special session of the Supreme Soviet under the leadership of Leonid Brezhnev.

It has been interpreted as ruling out the creation of competing political parties in the Soviet Union.

The Article says:

"The leading and guiding force of Soviet society and the nucleus of its political system, of all state organizations and public organizations, is the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. The CPSU exists for the people and serves the people.

"The Communist Party, armed with Marxism-Leninism, determines the general perspectives of the development of society and the course of the home and foreign policy of the USSR, directs the great constructive work of the Soviet people, and imparts a planned, systematic and theoretically substantiated character to their struggle for the victory of communism.

"All party organizations shall function within the framework of the Constitution of the USSR."

Baker flies in for Kremlin talks on arms

Looking optimistic: Mr Baker, right, being greeted yesterday by Mr Aleksandr Bezsmertnykh, the Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, at Moscow airport.

Superpowers hope for progress on pacts

Moscow (Reuter) — Mr James Baker, the US Secretary of State, arrived here yesterday for key talks on disarmament only hours after the Soviet Communist Party decided to drop its monopoly of power, fulfilling an American dream.

During a three-day stay, Mr Baker will try to clear logjams in the way of a US-Soviet strategic arms reduction deal and a Nato-Warsaw Pact treaty on conventional forces, which both Washington and the Kremlin want completed this year. President Bush wants the basic provisions laid out for a strategic arms accord, aimed at halving the long-range nuclear arsenals of the superpowers, in time for his second summit with President Gorbachov in May or June.

But US and Soviet officials said an equally important theme would be the collapse of communist rule in Eastern Europe late last year, which has dramatically altered the political and military picture throughout the continent.

Mr Baker arrived just as the Soviet Central Committee approved the programme drafted by Mr Gorbachov that would do away with the party's constitutional grip on power and pave the way to a multi-party system.

The Secretary of State headed straight into informal talks with Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister. He is also due to see President Gorbachov and address the foreign affairs commission of the Supreme Soviet.

One of the thorniest issues will be the future of East and West Germany, which appear to be heading inexorably towards reunification. Mr Gorbachov said last week that reunification was bound to happen, but should be carefully prepared. Other Soviet officials have said the new Germany should be neutral, but the US has rejected this.

In Moscow, a prominent Soviet political commentator warned the US against taking advantage of the Kremlin's troubles at home and in Eastern Europe during Mr Baker's visit.

"The temptation is great," Mr Aleksandr Bovin wrote in *Izvestia*. "But the slightest insincerity or attempt to outwit the other partner could tear asunder the delicate thread of trust which has already, with mutual advantage, been stretched between the Soviet Union and the United States."

Mr Bovin also suggested the Soviet Union might want to drop its objections that President Bush's new proposal for cutting US and Soviet troop levels in Europe would leave the Americans with 30,000 soldiers more than Moscow.

"If the Americans think that this addition guarantees them and their allies full security, maybe it's not worth arguing with them," he said.

In his State of the Union address on January 31, Mr Bush proposed each side reduce troop levels in central Europe to 195,000, a cut of about 65,000 for the US and about 370,000 for Moscow.

On strategic arms, the main obstacles in the treaty being worked out by negotiators in Geneva concern how to limit sea-launched cruise missiles, and how to count air-launched missiles. Other problems involve how to tackle non-deployed "spare" missiles, and what access to give the other side to results of missile flight tests. The two sides have already agreed on a limit of 6,000 warheads on a total of 1,600 strategic missiles and long-range bombers apiece.

PRAGUE: Mr Baker unveiled the new US strategy to aid Eastern Europe's emerging democracies in a speech yesterday at Charles University here (Peter Green writes).

He suggested to students whose peaceful protests had sparked the Czechoslovak "velvet revolution", that the East bloc should help itself first, but offered US support for free elections and economic co-operation and insisted the American military still had a place in Europe.

Mr Baker outlined a four-point approach to helping Eastern Europe: assuring free elections; defining a new military relationship in Europe; rebuilding the region's shattered economies; and encouraging new political and economic co-operation.

Full truth of Stalin's famine to be disclosed

Moscow (Reuter) — Soviet authorities have ordered publication of full details of a disaster they have tried to hush up for more 50 years — the Ukrainian famine of 1932-1933 in which Western historians believe five million people died. A resolution of the Ukrainian Communist Party, reported yesterday by Tass, declared the famine a "national tragedy" and blamed it on Stalin and his "criminal" policies of forcible collectivization.

It ordered the party's official historical institute to publish articles this year on the famine together with archive material which it had discovered. The archives, the resolution said, "give a tragic picture of mass fatalities from hunger and disease, especially from March 1933 onwards." It gave no precise figures, but Robert Conquest, the British historian, in his book, *The Harvest of Sorrow*, puts the death toll from the famine at five million and the total toll from Stalin's agricultural policies in the 1930s at 14.5 million.

Eyewitness accounts published recently in the Soviet Union speak of cannibalism in some rural areas.

The disaster had not been officially mentioned in the Soviet Union until the past three years, when President Gorbachov's policy of *glasnost* began to take hold. In 1987, Mr Vladimir Shcherbitsky, then leader of the Ukrainian Communist Party, admitted there had been famine in some areas and criticized the agricultural policies of the time.

The Ukrainian party resolution, however, is believed to be the first time that a full public exposé has been ordered. It conceded that "for more than half a century this theme was hushed up in national historiography, which hindered scientific understanding and an objective moral and political assessment of a national tragedy". The party concurred with Western historians in blaming the famine on enforced collectivization, which meant abolition of private land-owning, and "dekulakization" — in effect the dispossession and deporting of millions of kulaks (peasant farmers).

When grain output fell as a result, the resolution acknowledged, the Stalinist leadership raised the quotas of grain which farms were obliged to deliver to the state.

When this failed, thousands of people were arrested for "connivance in kulak sabotage" and farmers had seeds, animal fodder and food supplies taken away "which proved fatal for the population," it said.

The party declared that the famine was "the consequence of the criminal course of Stalin and his immediate entourage ... towards the peasantry".

In addition to Stalin it named Vyacheslav Molotov, his Prime Minister, and Mr Lazar Kaganovich, the Politburo member in charge of collectivization, as well as Stanislav Kosior and Vlas Chubar, the Ukrainian Communist leaders.

Kosior and Chubar were both shot in 1939 in one of Stalin's purges, but Molotov died only four years ago and Mr Kaganovich is believed still alive, aged 96.

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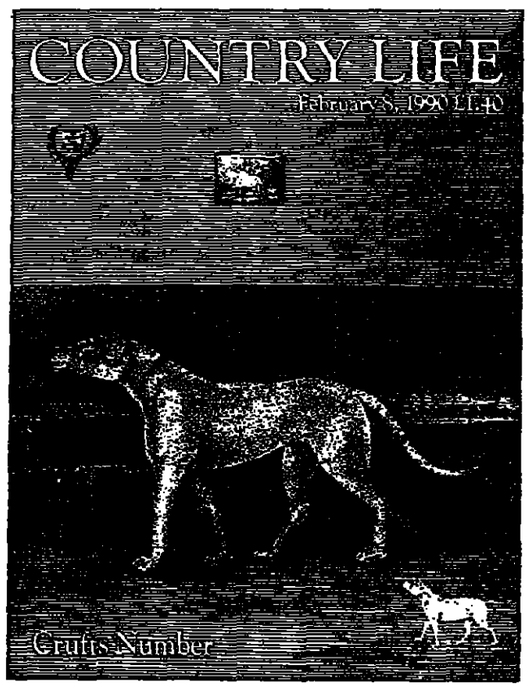

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A model for Gorbachov

Lithuania shows way forward

From Bill Keller, Vilnius, Lithuania

Under the direction of Mr Algirdas Brazauskas, its First Secretary, the Communist Party of the Baltic republic of Lithuania has declared its independence from the party in Moscow, accepted the competition of rival political parties, purged much of its old guard, and adopted a platform that pays scant homage to Marx and Lenin.

For party leaders in Moscow now contemplating the prospect of political pluralism, the Lithuanian experience suggests that the Communist Party can recover a measure of its dwindling authority, but only by transforming itself beyond recognition and confronting the real possibility of life as a minority.

Mr Brazauskas, aged 57, contends that this humbling transformation is worth it, considering the alternatives offered by Romania and Soviet Azerbaijan, where rigid resistance led to bloody confrontation.

"The party can't live for itself, like it was in Romania, where the party was something untouchable, beyond criticism, always right, which never made a mistake," he said.

"Either the party has radically to change itself to get closer to the people, or it must liquidate itself."

The outcome of Mr Brazauskas's approach is that he is perhaps the only senior Communist Party official in Eastern Europe who consistently wins popularity polls, outscoring every prominent independent political figure in Lithuania. And some of the lustre is rubbing off on his party.

The most startling evidence came in an opinion poll in early January, shortly after the Lithuanian party formally broke with the Moscow party and approved a programme embracing Lithuanian independence, political pluralism and the free market.

The survey, by the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences, found that the party had a 73 per cent positive rating, ahead of the independent Sajudis movement. In a similar poll in November, the Communists had only 16 per cent of popular support.

Despite this sudden improvement in popularity, however, party officials concede that there is a good chance that, after the elections for a Lithuanian Parliament on February 24, the party will become a junior partner in a coalition government dominated by the recently legalized opposition parties and independent candidates.

Although he is campaigning fiercely to prevent it, Mr Brazauskas says he is prepared to live with defeat. He believes there will in any event be fewer Communists in the new Parliament, "but they will be better Communists".

When Mr Brazauskas took over as leader of the Lithuanian party in 1988, he was in a position not unlike that in which President Gorbachov today finds himself. He was perceived as a cautious reformer whose party was rapidly losing influence to political "insurgents" united under the Sajudis banner.

In December the Lithuanian party openly defied an angry Kremlin and proclaimed itself autonomous, adopting a programme that is almost indistinguishable from the platform of the recently legalized Lithuanian Democratic Party.

Unlike the Soviet Communist Party, the Lithuanian party welcomes religious believers as members. It also endorses free markets, including private ownership of industry and farmland, and shuns "democratic centralism".

It advocates complete political independence for Lithuania, although Mr Brazauskas calls for a careful transition period and for maintaining loose ties with Moscow, roughly analogous to the ties binding the members of the European Community.

To the astonishment of many Lithuanians, four Sajudis leaders were recently inducted into the party's 19-member leadership, where they form an uninhibited lobby for secession from the Soviet Union. "Brazauskas sincerely agonizes over this issue," Mr Romualdas Ozolas, one of the Sajudis Communists, said.

Not surprisingly, Mr Brazauskas is shunned by Communist hardliners here and in Moscow. Some 35,000 of the republic's 200,000 party members have defected to form a loyalist-rump party, and thousands more have simply resigned.

But his personal standing is so strong that the Communist Party is now pressing for direct elections of the republic's president, rather than selection by the Parliament.

Sajudis leaders say that, while they may control a majority in the Parliament, Mr Brazauskas would probably be unbeatable in a direct election. If he, in fact, wins the presidency, aides say he will almost certainly step down as party leader to concentrate on the job.

Mr Brazauskas recommends that Mr Gorbachov should do the same at federal level as a way of insulating himself from partisan political pressures.

For all the evidence of surging prestige, the new Communist Party is viewed with suspicion by many Lithuanians, who say its political machine is still run by those who used to bow to Moscow.

Leaders of rival parties also complain that the Communists have been slow to forfeit such vital election advantages as their dominance of local television.

But Mr Ozolas sees the remodelled Communist Party as a handy vehicle until Lithuania is free. "This is a party designed for relations with Moscow," he said. "Communism is a hieroglyph that Moscow can read; it still can't read any other political hieroglyphs.

(New York Times)

Prague (Reuter) — A powerful explosion ripped through a Soviet military area in south-eastern Czechoslovakia on Tuesday, sending a mush-room-shaped orange cloud into the sky, Czechoslovak radio reported. The Defence Ministry said Soviet troops had blown up an ammunition dump in violation of "all regulations". An analysis of the ash showed that it did not contain harmful chemicals, the radio report said.

Sakharov's brain under microscope

From Mary Dejevsky
Moscow

The brain of the late Dr Andrei Sakharov, Nobel prize-winner and human rights campaigner, has been sent to the Soviet Academy's Neurological Institute to assist in a study of how outstanding individuals think and behave, the Soviet newspaper *Trud* reports.

Dr Sakharov's brain joins those of Lenin, Stalin and other public figures in a Soviet research project which was started after Lenin's death from a brain tumour in 1924. Sakharov, the father of the Soviet hydrogen bomb, was eulogized as the conscience of the country when he died in December, aged 68.

According to the institute's director, Professor Oleg Adrianov, researchers have formulated a theory relating brain characteristics to an individual's physical and psychological make-up. He said that the institute had not received any politicians' brains since Stalin's time, but he expressed the hope that the results of the project, which were at present secret, would eventually be made public.

The institute's more general research was to prove that brains vary so much within ethnic groups that "there is no question of any special faculties of the brain of members of different races", Professor Adrianov said.

The Nazis, who sent Jews, Gypsies and members of other races they alleged were inferior to death camps during the Second World War, maintained that the human brain exhibited racial differences. They used the thesis to support their theory of a master race.

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CHANGING FACE OF EUROPE

East German SPD poised for victory in elections

From Anne McElvoy, East Berlin

The Social Democrats in East Germany are heading for an overall majority in the country's first free elections nex month, according to an opinion poll published here yesterday.

The poll, conducted by the Leipzig Institute of Youth Affairs, found that 54 per cent of those interviewed nationwide would vote for the party if elections were held now. A surprising 12 per cent said that they would vote for the reformed communist party.

With the Social Democrats clearly ahead in the election campaign, three left-wing organizations, New Forum, Democracy Now and the Initiative for Peace and Human Rights, yesterday formed an electoral alliance following the decision by the country's centre-right parties to build the Alliance for Germany this week.

The new left-wing grouping, whose three members have resisted transforming from broadly based pressure groups into political parties, represent a gradual reunification programme. They reject Herr Hans Modrow, the Prime Minister's, vision of a neutral Germany.

"Our aim will be a demilitarized Germany and the transformation of Nato and the Warsaw Pact into political blocks," said Herr Konrad Weiss of Democracy Now yesterday. He said that the alliance intended to form a coalition with the Social Democrats after the election.

But the Social Democrats, aiming convincingly for an overall majority, are showing little interest in the new alliance. "There is no point in talking about a coalition as we intend to hold power alone," said Herr Stefan Reiche, a spokesman.

Inspired and funded by its sister party in West Germany, it is the only opposition party strong enough to run alone as the political stage in East Germany becomes dominated by coalitions.

Like its West German counterpart, the party is hedging its bets on the subject of a future neutral Germany.

Herr Ibrahim Böhme, the party leader, denies that his party would pursue neutrality after the election, preferring to press home the importance of German unity proceeding at the same pace as the dissolution of the military pacts.

Privately, however, Social Democrats say they can envisage Nato membership as long as this is combined with the withdrawal of foreign troops from German soil.

All parties now support currency union with the Deutschmark to save the shattered economy, and unification with subtle differences in the time scale envisaged.

Bucharest sheds 'classical peasant' image

From Christopher Walker, Bucharest

Bemused expressions greeting a model in a sun dress at Romania's first free fashion show.

Romanians have been flocking in their thousands to the first public fashion show permitted in 24 years — a colourful and noisy spectacle treated as a celebration of the end of the domination of social life by Elena Ceausescu, the hated wife of the former Communist dictator.

The proceedings, in Bucharest's National Theatre, opened dramatically with a stylish young model holding flickering candles in memory of the dead of December, while amplified recordings of the gun battles filled the darkened auditorium. All admission fees are being given to the victims' families.

Miss Florica Banescu, the country's top designer, said: "Under the orders of Elena Ceausescu, the only fashion shows were for visiting diplomatic delegations and they were always run to her strict rules. Everything had to be tailored to her bad and unadventurous taste: I would call it 'classical peasant'."

The problems faced by Romania's handful of designers, who had to cope with shortages of material and a ban on the import of all Western fashion magazines (scores of which have subsequently been discovered in the Ceausescus' various villas), were matched by those of the models.

Miss Ligia Jorca, who at 37 has returned to the catwalk after retiring to a job as a bank teller, said: "The rules were so ridiculous as to make the job almost impossible. For a start, we were not allowed to wear any make-up. Our hair had to be tied into a bun like Elena's and we were not even allowed to move; we had to stand perfectly still."

As with the female announcers on Romanian television, one of the main difficulties with which Romania's fashion models had to cope was Elena Ceausescu's fanatical jealousy. Miss Sabina Draganescu, another of the models in the show, said: "If she found any of the models too attractive, there would be a message sent to the show's organizer saying that 'so and so's face' did not suit the clothes, and she was automatically sacked."

Despite these drawbacks, the hour-long show is presented with a panache that often reaches international standards. The loudest applause is reserved for bold mini-skirts cut four or five inches above the knee, and daring backless creations of the type outlawed by the conservative Mrs Ceausescu.

Miss Banescu, whose flair has begun attracting the attention of Western fashion buyers, said: "Everyone had to be covered up as much as possible. We could never introduce new styles from abroad on the rare occasions we presented our fashions at home; we could only sneak them in during the few shows we were permitted to stage in foreign countries."

Miss Banescu, against a background of previously banned Western pop music, said: "We have had to put this collection together very quickly so there is still a Soviet influence to the designs; that will disappear by the time our next show is staged."

She appeared to be overwhelmed by the reaction of the audience, who packed the aisles and were even seated on the edge of the stage.

"Before the revolution we could not even use any colours together that might depict the national flag of a foreign country," she said.

"Now we are free to do what we like. We will be working hard to catch up with all the styles from Europe."

French get back the mini-skirt couturier

Paris (Reuter) — A group of French investors have bought back, from its Japanese owners, a controlling 50 per cent share of the Courreges fashion house, which introduced the mini-skirt in the 1960s.

The French group has an option of increasing its stake to 74 per cent. The Japanese clothing giant, Itokin, took control of Courreges in 1983 when it was facing severe financial problems.

Bridge work

Hong Kong (Reuter) — Hong Kong is to build one of the world's longest suspension bridges — with a central span of 4,635 ft — as part of a £9.5 billion project to develop an international airport on an outlying island, the colony's government announced.

Cyclone chaos

Auckland (Reuter) — Three people died and 10,000 people were made homeless on the South Pacific island of Western Samoa after Cyclone Ofa left shortages of food, water and medical supplies.

Choked tunnel

Chamonix (Reuter) — French police reported that 2,000 lorries were stranded by a pay strike of Italian customs officers which closed the Mont Blanc tunnel.

Slavers caught

Peking (Reuter) — Sixty-five people have been sentenced to death in Anhui province for selling women and children into slavery, the *People's Daily* reported.

Ethiopia battle

Addis Ababa (Reuter) — The Ethiopian Government said it recaptured the strategic point of Kimer Dingay in the northern province of Gondar.

London summit

Thatcher aims to put a brake on moves to unity

By Sheila Gunn, Political Reporter

Mrs Thatcher will seek to slow down the rapid moves towards Germany unity when she meets Herr Helmut Kohl, the West German Chancellor, in London next month.

The Anglo-German summit between key ministers at Number 10 Downing Street is expected to be held soon after the East German elections on March 18.

The timing is crucial as the establishment of East Germany's first democratically elected Government is likely to prompt fresh demands within the two Germanies for reunification.

It emerged yesterday that Mrs Thatcher hopes to use the summit as a means of urging a more cautious, controlled transition towards unity.

Although government sources insist it will be the traditional, wide-ranging annual summit between the two Western powers, they admit that it will inevitably be dominated by the issue of German unity. The summit plans were disclosed as Mr Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, appeared to distance himself from the Prime Minister and Mr Tom King, the Defence Secretary, yesterday by taking a more positive stance towards reunification.

On his return from his visit to West Germany, he expressed confidence in the ability of Herr Kohl to handle the issue sensitively.

He said the way in which the West German chancellor had "shown understanding of the kind of anxieties which are natural arising out of history" was striking.

Giving evidence to the Commons committee on foreign affairs, he evinced none of the unease expressed by Mrs Thatcher and Mr King at the speed of moves towards Germany unity.

Mr Hurd also predicted that East Germany would move quickly towards a free market economy without attempting to set up a "halfway house" in order to effect a more gradual transition. He warned that the perilous state of East Germany's economy had not yet been fully grasped.

Members of the Conservative-dominated committee criticized the Government for responding too slowly to moves towards German reunification.

Two former Ministers, Mr David Howell, the committee chairman, and Mr Ted Rowlands, said that the Government appeared to be "underestimating" the speed and pressure for unity. Mr Rowlands said: "We should not continue to nitpick, but look at the enormous consequences of reunification."

However, Mr Hurd dismissed the idea of East Germany's early membership of the European Community as priority should be given to the long-standing applications of Austria and Turkey.

Bonn outpaces French in battle for new business

From Alan Wheatley, Paris

Officially, France sees upheaval in Eastern Europe as a great commercial opportunity. Unofficially, age-old fears of German economic domination have resurfaced, and the French fear that, in the end, they may be big losers.

Not only are French companies dragging their feet in the great rush East, but the prospect of a West German economic boom points to a widening growth gap with France and an even greater role for the Deutschmark within the EC's European Monetary System.

"The events in the East will reinforce the polarization of the EMS around the mark," M Christian de Boissieu, a professor at the University of Paris, told a conference here this week on the economic impact of the political upheaval in the East Bloc.

To dilute growing German influence, France should push for quicker implementation of the Delors report on European economic and monetary union, he suggested. "It's the only way for France to live with this asymmetry."

M Jean-Paul Fitoussi of the Observatoire Francais des Conjonctures Économiques, an independent research group, has tried to quantify how much West Germany stands to gain. East Bloc changes were likely to boost West Germany's GNP by 3.5 percentage points by 1993, while the rest of the EC would grow by only an extra 1.5, he told the conference.

M Pierre Bérégovoy, the French Finance Minister, says he is not worried by the growing momentum for German monetary union, which he describes as inevitable. But he said earlier this week that he expected to be consulted by Bonn on its offer to hold immediate talks on monetary union. "I am waiting for explanations from the West German Government," he said.

For reasons of history, geography and industrial strength, France is not as well placed as West Germany for the race East. French exports to centrally planned economies have been running at about three billion francs (£300 million) a month — around three per cent of total exports.

M Raymond Courbis, the director of Gama, an economic research firm, said France was unable to capitalize fully on bigger market opportunities because its industry was running flat out already. "The impact on the French economy will be limited because of capacity constraints," he said.

Nor are French companies rushing into joint ventures or massive direct investment in Easten Europe. Among the best publicized deals, the state-owned computer group, Compagnie des Machines Bull, is investing 600 million francs (£60 million) in Hungary; the construction giant, Bouygues, is building a hospital near Moscow; and the hotel group, Accor, is venturing into the Soviet Union, Poland and Hungary.

But French plans pale beside those of West German firms, which have announced plans to pour billions of marks into East Germany and other East European economies.

French food industry executives are not licking their lips either, even though East European consumers have been starved of the sort of fine food for which France is famous.

M Lionel Zinzou-Derlin, director of strategy and development at the food conglomerate, BSN, said his company was exploring opportunities in Eastern Europe, especially East Germany. But he saw a host of barriers to overcome — lack of skilled labour, poor distribution networks, an irrational price system and the risk that latent hyper-inflation may spark social unrest.

In many ways, he told the conference, the economies of Eastern Europe were like those of developing countries and faced a long haul to prosperity. (Reuter)

Nuclear fears

Bonn — Herr Klaus Töpfer, the West German Environment Minister, yesterday promised a quick decision on whether East Germany's largest nuclear power station, built to an obsolete Soviet design, should be shut down on safety grounds (Ian Murray writes). Experts are calling the plant at Lubmin, 100 miles north of Berlin, the "Chernobyl of the north". East Berlin is letting Bonn decide, ahead of reunification.

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MPs urge caution in response to S Africa moves

MPs on all sides, although welcoming the speech of President de Klerk last week, spoke against relaxing pressure on South Africa before there were further concessions on apartheid.

A Conservative backbencher was cheered by Labour MPs when he suggested that Mrs Thatcher might be unwise to visit South Africa before such concessions came.

Mr Douglas Hurd, Foreign Secretary, defended Britain's stance on sanctions, saying that tougher measures would have brought impoverishment to the black population there. He urged the African National Congress and other organizations to join in negotiations with the South African Government on the future of the country.

Mr David Nellist (Coventry South East, Lab), who opened the exchanges, said that the only negotiations the blacks would see as being worth while would be those which involved a transfer of power, a free elected assembly, the ending of segregation and the state of emergency and the right of black workers to bear arms in their own defence.

Mr Hurd said that he thought that Mr Nellist would have welcomed the announcement of President de Klerk. "We believe that these changes do vindicate our policy of contact rather than isolation." The South African Government had taken important steps and he hoped that all MPs would expect the ANC to respond positively.

Mr George Gardiner (Reigate, C) asked him to do all he could to impress on the ANC leaders that they should join with other representatives in constructive negotiations.

Mr Hurd: When Mr Mandela is released we hope that the ANC and others will join in

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negotiations in conditions of peace and the remaining emergency restrictions will be lifted.

Mr David Winnick (Walsall North, Lab) said that he certainly welcomed the announcement of the South African President, but much needed to be done and Mr Hurd should make that clear to South Africa.

If the people of Eastern Europe had a right to democracy, no less had the black, white and coloured people in South Africa. The United States policy of sanctions and disinvestment played an important role in forcing the South African authorities to recognize the realities of life.

Mr Hurd said he hoped Mr Winnick would agree that President de Klerk had shown "courage and wisdom", going further than anyone would have expected.

If Britain had yielded to the measures being pressed on it and supported comprehensive sanctions against South Africa, the South African Government would not have taken the measures it did. The result would have been an impoverished black majority and the vitual impossibility of the South African Government's taking the measures it had.

Mr John Carlisle (Luton North, C) said that since the Prime Minister had sensibly lifted the cultural and scientific boycott against South Africa, would the Foreign Secretary consider pursuing the same policy with regard to sporting contacts, particularly to those who, under the Gleneagles agreement, had proved that selection was not based or race, colour or ethnic origin. "Can we have some carrots instead of all the sticks we have had in the past?"

Mr Gerald Kaufman, chief Opposition spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth affairs, invited Mr Hurd to visit some of the black townships to see the unbelievable, grinding poverty imposed on blacks there by the white supremacists.

Would he explain to them why he and the Prime Minister were arguing that the West must not lower its guard against communist regimes which were toppling day by day in Eastern Europe, but wanted to get rid of such puny sanctions as we have on South Africa when the whole structure of apartheid remained intact (Conservative protests).

Could it be that this Government's hostility to communism — which was becoming defunct — was greater than its hostility to apartheid — which still flourished?

Mr Hurd said that of course there was black poverty, although less than in other African states. But that poverty would have been made far worse and the position of the blacks slowly rising to positions of responsibility would have been made impossible if the Government had yielded to Labour's policy on sanctions.

It was not true that all aspects of apartheid were intact. Holidaymakers in Durban would disagree. He should acknowledge that the actions taken by President de Klerk deserved encouragement.

During later questions, Mr Robert Hughes (Aberdeen North, Lab), chairman of the Anti-Apartheid Movement, wanted Mr Hurd to join him in paying tribute to the many South Africans of all races who had struggled and suffered through decades to bring about the changes announced by President de Klerk.

The potential and promise of hope which the President's statement brought forth might well remain unfulfilled if the external arm of the stuggle was abandoned or reduced. Sanctions and external pressure could be dismantled only when apartheid itself had been dismantled.

Mr Hurd joined in the tribute to all those whose work had made possible the progress. They were from all different parts of South African society.

On sanctions, the February 2 statement and the prospects opening up for South Africa were a justification for the policy of combining encouragement and persuasive pressure which the Government had always stood for.

Mr Tim Rathbone (Lewes, C) said that developments in South Africa seemed to have been hastened by the British Government's stand and continued commitment to fundamental change there. But some important changes were still needed, particularly on the most sinister aspects of apartheid, before Britain could ease its pressure on the South African Government.

"It might be unwise for the leader of this country to go to that country before those relaxations have taken place" (Labour cheers).

Mr Hurd said that Mr Rathbone would have noticed how the Prime Minister had responded to President de Klerk's announcement. "That response has been carefully measured." The first step was a reasonable and justified first step, to ask President de Klerk to visit Mrs Thatcher at Chequers and to say that Mr Mandela would also be welcome when he was free.

Ms Diane Abbott (Hackney North and Stoke Newington, Lab) said that, welcome as President de Klerk's speech was, it contained no reference to the Group Areas Act, by which white people owned 87 per cent of all land in South Africa, or to one-person, one-vote.

It would be premature to abandon sanctions on the basis of one speech.

Mr Hurd said that he hoped that when Mr Mandela was free, the ANC and others would agree to join in negotiations in conditions of peace and that the rest of the emergency restrictions would be lifted. In this climate it was logical to discuss with Britain's EC partners the lifting of the voluntary ban on new investment in South Africa.

Sir David Steel, Liberal Democrat spokesman on foreign affairs, said that Mr Hurd had been right to welcome the change of heart foreshadowed in President de Klerk's speech, but before Britain got into discussions on future democracy in South Africa, important matters and the legislative framework of apartheid, including the Population Registration Act, were still in place.

It was inconceivable that the rest of the Community would agree to lift sanctions until those measures.

Mr Hurd said that the underlying importance of what President de Klerk had announced was that he had done enough for most reasonable people to open the way to negotiation.

"There is more to come and we are a long way from seeing the end of apartheid, which is our aim and Sir David's." But the next step was to have a reasoned response, the start of dialogue with the ANC and other organizations. "That goes along with the release of Mr Mandela and the lifting of the remaining emergency restrictions."

Mr Douglas Hurd: ANC should start talking to Government; Ms Diane Abbott: Premature to abandon sanctions.

Murder of Israel tourists deplored

The attack on the Israeli tourist bus in Egypt on Sunday, in which 12 people were killed, was condemned by the Government and Opposition during questions on the Middle East. Mr William Waldegrave, Minister of State, Foreign Office, said that because a number of extremist groups had claimed responsibility it suggested that the central leadership of the PLO was still committed to the peace process.

Mr Peter Temple-Morris (Leominster, C) said that what was going on in the West Bank and Gaza was a disgrace. The Government should ask Washington to tell Israel to stop and deal.

Mr Waldegrave: We are in close touch with the United States and strongly support their efforts to get direct talks going.

Birmingham rail project

Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Transport, has given approval to the whole of the British Rail proposal for electrification of the Birmingham cross-city line, at a cost of £18 million and to be completed by 1992, he said in a written reply.

The scheme would be jointly funded by British Rail and the West Midlands Passenger Transport Executive. The new electric rolling stock would also be used on Coventry-Wolverhampton services in off-peak periods.

Concern for refuseniks

The Soviet Union is still some way from meeting its international obligations in full, despite much progress in human rights performance under President Gorbachov, Mr William Waldegrave, Minister of State, Foreign Office, said in a Commons written reply.

In particular, he said, there were unresolved *refusenik* cases on which the Foreign Office continued to press the Soviet authorities.

Electricity from France

Electricité de France, the French electricity supply organization, has been invited to enter an agreement to enable it to buy and sell electricity to and from Britain on a day-to-day basis, Mr Tony Baldry, Under Secretary of State for Energy, said in a Commons written reply.

Negotiations were also taking place on longer-term contracts.

Exodus from Hong Kong

About 42,000 people emigrated from Hong Kong last year, of whom about 20,000 were part of the working population, Mr Francis Maude, Minister of State, Foreign Office, said in a Commons written reply. He said that about half of the 20,000 were professional, technical, administrative and management people.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Agriculture, Fisheries and Food; Prime Minister. Debate on an Opposition motion on the Scottish economy. Private Bills.
Lords (3): Human Fertilization and Embryology Bill, committee, second day.

Romania is to get million syringes

The Government is to send a million disposable syringes to Romania and will respond to further requests for help with the epidemic of HIV-infected babies, Mr William Waldegrave, Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, said at questions.

Earlier, Mr Waldegrave said that the Know-how funds for Poland and Hungary were to be extended to other countries in Eastern Europe.

Mr Anthony Coombs (Wyre Forest, C) said that in terms of individual development towards democracy and free enterprise there was a great deal to be done in Eastern Europe.

He pointed to the influence of organizations such as West Germany's Konrad Adenauer Foundation. What was the Government doing to create similar institutions in Britain?

Mr Waldegrave said that there had been suggestions from MPs of all parties that the Government should look at proposals of that kind.

This was new and quite difficult territory because it meant channelling support to political organizations and was quite different from usual aid methods, but the Government was looking at it.

Sir Peter Blaker (Blackpool South, C) said that with the help of the Know-how fund the BBC External Service was to train 40 Polish broadcasters to run a free broadcasting system.

House of Lords

Bishop attacks 'ruthless profits hunt'

The ruthless and greedy search for profits in capitalist economies had done immense damage to the environment, *the Bishop of Manchester*, the Right Rev Stanley Booth-Clibborn, said during a House of Lords debate on the free-market economy.

The threat to the existence of the African elephant had been brought about by the pursuit of profits, he said. It was deplorable to see the Government give way on the destruction of ivory stocks instead of taking a lead in the matter.

However, credit must be given where it was due. The free-market economy had helped to reduce unemployment, created affluence, efficiency, higher productivity and wealth, which mattered.

Church leaders had spent too much time in the past on the division of the cake without spending enough time on the production of it. But it was not a free-market economy they wanted, but a market economy, with restrictions. "Unless you have these restraints the market can almost destroy us."

Protection for workers had been reduced by the free-market economy. Privatization of services in the health service, for instance, had led to low-paid staff being paid even less.

It was sad that only Britain had refused to accept the proposed European social charter, which was not very radical.

The higher values of community and co-operation were required more than ever.

Earlier, *Lord Boardman* (C), initiating the debate, moved a motion praising the role of the free-market economy in creating the wealth to provide prosperity, jobs and better public services. He said that Eastern European countries that had been tied to communist or socialist economies were now seeking to set up free-market economies. "They yearn for the miracles of Thatcherism."

Lord Bruce of Donington, chief Opposition spokesman on Treasury affairs in the Lords, said that the motion was almost obscene when two million people were unemployed, the balance of payments deficit was more than £20 billion, inflation was the highest among manufacturing countries, there were 250,000 homeless people and seven million people were living below the poverty line.

These were not particularly impressive results of a free-market economy by any competitive standard.

Lady Seear, for the Liberal Democrats, said that there was a high degree of private affluence while many people lived in public squalor.

One characteristic of the Government was its failure to take a long view. That was because it had taken too much notice of the signals of the market. The market could be extremely useful, but it should be a servant not a master.

Lord Joseph (C) said that great progress had been made in this country in the past decade. For generations, under governments of all parties, Britain had countenanced a culture hostile to the imperatives of prosperity, job creation and the sort of private affluence necessary for public affluence.

The risk-taker was imperative for the market economy. People such as journalists, intellectuals, teachers and dons should not disparage entrepreneurs as contemptible or grubby.

Government determined on green pound devaluation

The following report of a Commons debate on agriculture appeared in later editions yesterday.

The Government's determination to get an immediate and substantial devaluation of the green pound was made clear by Mr John Gummer, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, when he opened the debate.

The question of the green pound was the first and most important point in the EC negotiations in which they were now involved, he said. He was on one side and no other country had an interest in a change. The negotiations would go on until March or April and it was best not to be too forthcoming about tactics. The green pound meant that British farmers got less for their products than did other farmers in the Community.

"I am absolutely committed to its total dismantlement." He was appalled that there were still some in the EC who had not accepted that the system would have to end after 1992.

Big strides had been made in improving the common agricultural policy (CAP).

He wanted to go further towards ensuring that food was not destroyed; that food was not grown if there was no market for it; that something was done about some Mediterranean products, particularly where

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there was indefensible wastage. Fraud was widespread and Britain had taken the toughest measures in support of the Commission and had refused to support the watered down proposals of others. He would be as tough on fraud in this country as he would be on it elsewhere.

Amid laughter, he added: "I am suspicious that Greece announced that there is no fraud in that country at all".

Dr David Clark, chief Opposition spokesman on agriculture, said that the problem of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) would get worse. It was potentially the biggest threat to British agriculture since the war.

The disease was unique to Britain. The Government knew it had a responsibility and had done what it could to hide the disease. All along, it had been less than frank.

"It took it 18 months to make BSE a notifiable disease. It took 20 months to introduce compulsory slaughter. It took two-and-a-half years to introduce a ban on cattle offal."

He called for 100 per cent compensation for farmers with suspect cows and the culling of all calves of BSE-infected cows.

Mr Geraint Howells, Liberal Democrat spokesman on agriculture, said that he had been aware of BSE many years ago.

It was well known in the agricultural industry that this disease had existed here for 40 or 50 years. The Labour Government had known about it. "Anyone who disputes it does not know anything about cattle."

Mr Teddy Taylor (Southend, East, C) moved a Conservative backbench amendment regretting expenditure in 1990 of £9 billion on the disposal or destruction of surplus production and the huge extra costs to household budgets of the CAP.

Mr William Hague (Richmond, Yorks, C) said that it was vital for the future of agriculture to obtain a substantial devaluation of the green pound and its abolition as soon as possible.

Mr John Home Robertson, an Opposition spokesman on food and agriculture, said that Mr Howells had known about BSE 50 years before it existed.

Mr Howells said he stood by what he had said.

Mr Home Robertson said that Labour saw no sense in prolonging the green pound discrepancy. The green pound was a mechanism which had outlived any possible usefulness. Now was the time for it to go.

Mr David Curry, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, winding up the debate, said that if there was a case for adjusting compensation for BSE, it must be a case based on fairness to the agricultural community. "I do not accept that there is a case on public health grounds."

The Government had taken an ultra-cautious aproach and had acted "way beyond what we were recommended to do". These products, so far as every jot of research done was concerned, were safe to eat.

British eggs were safe, and a lot of the risk to consumers had been eliminated.

The Conservative amendment was rejected by 182 votes to 29 — Government majority, 153.

Benn wants dirty tricks inquiry

The following report of a Commons adjournment debate appeared in later editions yesterday.

Mr Tony Benn (Chesterfield, Lab) demanded that the House should investigate the use of disinformation against MPs by the security services. "There are some issues", he said, "where the legislature has a duty to rise against an Executive which will not allow us to know what they have done in our name."

Mr Benn said that the constitutional importance of what the security services had done was that they had made their own decisions about which individuals and organizations were the enemy and then had taken action to deal with that enemy, whereas in every other aspect of defence policy the House itself decided who the enemy was.

Information had been fabricated and distributed about those whom the security services — or ministers, if they knew — regarded as the enemy. The response of ministers had been to tighten security. The House must inquire into the matter.

"We must establish that ministers are in charge and answerable; that security policy is decided by Parliament and not by officials. The security services are there to protect us and not to control us.

Mr Archie Hamilton, Minister of State for the Armed

Mr Benn: Legislature has a duty in this matter.

Forces, said that in the early 1970s there was some disinformation which set out to denigrate the Provisional IRA. That policy had been discontinued.

The Government accepted that disinformation aimed at ministers or former ministers would be a different matter and that had been dealt with by the Prime Minister in her statement in 1987. "No new evidence of any substance has emerged to put that statement in question."

Some MPs indicated last week that they had documents or other information to support allegations of serious wrongdoing by government servants. If they had such evidence, "I urge them to let me see it".

One-vote defeat for artificial insemination move

An attempt to prohibit the provision of artificial insemination by donor (AID) and *in vitro* fertilization to unmarried women was defeated by one vote in the Lords on Tuesday night.

During the first day of the committee stage of the Human Fertilization and Embryology Bill an amendment to that effect moved by Lady Saltoun of Abernethy (Ind) was rejected by 61 votes to 60.

Moving it, she said that many single women had brought up much wanted and loved children. But those children must suffer disadvantages and the lack of a father as a role model.

She doubted that *in vitro* techniques should be available to unmarried couples. If a relationship were really stable, couples would marry.

"Much as we all sympathize with the plight of childless women, their best interests are not necessarily the best interests of such children as AID and *in vitro* techniques might enable them to bear." In those circumstances the interests of the child must be paramount.

Lord Ennals (Lab) asked peers not to take this disturbing course. Having children was a private affair and it was not for the state to say who should or should not be allowed to have children.

Marriage vows were not relevant to the quality of parenthood. If peers passed the amendment they would be being bossy, judgemental and interfering.

Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone said that the legal consequences of the amendment had to be considered. If a woman was living apart from her husband, she might legitimately have AID or IVF. If she was unmarried, she would be liable, and so would the donor, to a penalty of imprisonment.

"I wonder if that is much sense."

It would create a total anomaly in

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trying to prohibit AID or IVF by the methods in the Bill.

"We should not be making asses of ourselves — and this sort of amendment, in trying to prevent AID because it is AID, while allowing every other form of sexual aberration without penalty — is making asses of ourselves."

When he had been single he had received a telephone call from a girl asking him to become the father of her child.

"In those days AID had not been invented and I had never heard of IVF, I had only heard of F. I respectfully declined the invitation."

Lord McGregor of Durris (Lib Dem) asked how the prohibition would be enforced. Would women have to present themselves at clinics for treatment carrying their marriage lines? The clause would be regarded by married and unmarried people alike as a gross violation of the privacy of their intimate relations and lives.

"These amendments ... do not accord with prevailing attitudes of women or of families, or sexual and reproductive behaviour."

The Earl of Lauderdale (C) said that 1.5 million children in this country were living without fathers and that was relevant to the Bill.

Lady Ewart-Biggs (Lab) said that the suggestion that it was wrong to bring children into single-parent families was no justification for the amendments. Families, of whatever structure, had to be supported.

Lord Ashbourne (C) said that the amendment had merit and balance, although he would prefer it to have gone further.

Lord Hylton (Ind) said that the weakness of the amendment was that it discriminated against the infertile couple. Those who were fortunate enough to be fertile would be able to have children in the normal way.

Lord Swinfen (C) said that unmarried couples could enter into contracts to bring up their children as a family.

Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, said that the amendment would not allow the grant of a licence of authority for IVF to people who were not married. A person providing treatment would be committing an offence because they would not be authorized by licence, but the person receiving treatment would probably not.

It would be unfortunate if the Bill were be to seen as conflicting with the importance the House attached to family values. It was a matter of conscience and he urged peers to make up their own minds, taking full account of the children's welfare.

Hong Kong passport campaign leader angry and hurt

By Nigel Williamson
Political Staff

As MPs use today's Commons debate on European Community rights of residence to raise again their opposition to the Government's plans to issue passports to 50,000 Hong Kong residents, they will be observed sadly from the visitors' gallery by Mr Michael Green, a leading Hong Kong businessman who has been in London for the past two weeks to lobby politicians on the issue.

Mr Green, a leading figure in the Honour Hong Kong campaign, who has had meetings with MPs of all parties during his stay, said: "People in Hong Kong seriously wonder if Norman Tebbit is aware of all the facts. Britain is known for its tolerance, fairness and understanding. It is hard to believe that any senior politician could take the view he appears to take."

He has appealed to Mr Tebbit to visit the colony, believing that if he spent time talking to the business community there he would be forced to amend his views on the subject.

Mr Green conceded that the fact that the Government is prepared to issue any passports at all is a bold move for an Administration concerned about immigration. But he has been telling politicians throughout his visit: "We don't want passports to go; we want passports in order to stay".

The number of passports on offer is not enough to sustain the colony's economy, he believes.

Independent reports have estimated that there are about 315,000 key people in different walks of life needed to "keep the Hong Kong economy humming". All need passports to generate the confidence that they can escape should the "doomsday" scenario occur after the Chinese takeover in 1997.

Mr Green cites the example of Arnhold and Co, the engineering importers of which he is the managing director. Four of his five managers have emigrated in the past year, he says. The one who has remained has a New Zealand passport — and, therefore, the confidence to stay.

People in Hong Kong accept that it is politically unrealistic to expect any government to agree to the potential immigration of 3.2 milion people, Mr Green said. But the Honour Hong Kong campaign believes that the Government could do far more to persuade other countries to issue passports, including other EC countries.

Mr Green also attacked Labour's approach to the issue. He said: "They seem to be saying 'all or none', which must mean none. They don't seem to understand the implications of their position at all."

Mr Green said that he is angry and hurt about the situation. He has two boys at school in Britain, but, when they leave, they will not be able to get jobs here. He and his parents were imprisoned by the Japanese during the Second World War. "The Japanese had no difficulty in deciding that we were British. It is only the Government in Whitehall that does."

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Japan's custom-made leader

THE TIMES PROFILE

SHINTARO ABE

When Shintaro Abe, one of the Grand Old Men of Japanese politics, becomes Japan's next prime minister – as Tokyo's pundits predict – it will be more than just an inconvenience for Toshiki Kaifu, who was hoping to keep the job if he led Japan's *ruling Liberal* Democrats to their expected victory in elections this month.

Abe's succession will be the signal for the rest of the world, which sometimes still finds the Japanese way as mysterious as the Milky Way, that the political turmoil of the past year is over. The *ancien régime* will have recovered from the bribery and sex scandals that forced it into a year-long purdah, and an unadventurous, conservative, wrinkly pair of hands will be back on the steering wheel.

It will be the end of Japan's timid steps towards a leaner, less cash-hungry, more youthful political machine, which looked as if it might have a chance after almost every member of the ruling party's ageing élite had been smeared by the Recruit bribes scandal.

The next generation of political heavyweights, now in their forties and fifties – striplings in short pants in Japan, where MPs turn 60 before even thinking of high office – will bite their lips and re-learn the virtues of patience. Japan's system of political patronage, under which the premier's job is rotated among the Liberal Democratic Party's warring tribes, will have triumphed once again. But Abe (pronounced Aahbay) will shed few tears.

He has invested almost every moment of his adult life in becoming prime minister. He is "owed" the job by Noboru Takeshita, the former prime minister, leader of a rival faction within the LDP, and still the most powerful man in Japanese politics even though he stepped down as premier over the Recruit affair. Takeshita was handed the baton by Yasuhiro Nakasone and agreed to pass it to Abe after a decent interval. Spontaneity and uncertainty are not prized commodities in Japan.

The smooth line of succession was derailed by the Recruit scandal, which forced Takeshita to leave the stage and control the action from the wings. But the juddering train appears to be getting back on track. It is called consensus politics and owes more to the secretive negotiations that produce a puff of smoke and a new Pope than it does to Western ideas of democracy.

But under the unbroken 35-year rule of the LDP, Japan has become richer than it dreamed possible. Many voters feel they have little reason to moan if their MPs, who anyway leave most policy-making to bureaucrats, want to spend their time playing pass-the-parcel.

Abe, now aged 65, has left little to chance. Born the son of an MP – usually enough in itself to secure a seat in parliament in Japan, where constituences are handed from father to son like family heirlooms – Abe took out the insurance policy of marrying the boss's daughter. His wedding to the daughter of former prime minister Nobosuke Kishi increased his clout. His two sons, who married daughters of powerful Japanese businessmen, have spread Abe's family network into the next generation.

In a country which admires few things more than conformity, Abe has pursued a textbook course for the élite. He graduated in 1949 in politics from Tokyo University, Japan's best. After a stint as a political journalist with the middle-of-the-road *Mainichi* newspaper, he entered politics in 1956, at the age of 32, as private secretary to his influential father-in-law. Two years later he was elected to parliament.

He has served as agriculture, forestry and fisheries minister, chief Cabinet secretary, international trade and industry minister, chairman of the LDP's policy research council, the LDP's secretary general and Japan's longest serving and most widely-travelled foreign minister since the Second World War.

Abe has even written a book about diplomacy, full of the vague, unobjectionable mumbo-jumbo which is the stock in trade of the consensus-craving MP. In his four years as foreign minister he did what all Japanese ministers do, and stamped his seal of approval on what his civil servants put before him.

It is a c.v. that far outshines Takeshita's, let alone that of Kaifu, who only had a stint as education minister under his belt when he was plucked from obscurity last autumn to replace the geisha-tainted Sosuke Uno. While his newspaper experience has given him a finer feel for public opinion than the other grandees of the LDP, Abe is a match for any of them in fundraising, an art which guarantees power in the LDP: it creates a war chest to nurse young MPs who then pledge their allegiance to their benefactor. Abe has built up a faction of 80 MPs, second only to Takeshita's 105.

If his fundraising skills helped to catapult him up the government ladder, they also threatened to be his undoing. In April last year he admitted that his wife, Yoko, had pocketed about eight million yen (£32,500) from the disgraced Recruit company, whose former boss is on trial for bribing senior Japanese MPs, businessmen and bureaucrats. The money was billed as a "consulting fee". But it is believed that Abe got nearly 100 million yen (£405,500) in all from Recruit in political donations.

Such activities were run-of-the-mill until the scale of Recruit's generosity shocked even a Japanese public which thought it had nothing new to learn about its politicians' influence-peddling and nest-feathering.

There would have been a public outcry if Abe had been shoe-horned into the job when Takeshita was forced to step down last summer over his links to Recruit, since he, too, had Recruit money in his wallet. When Uno's philandering with bar girls made the prime minister's job vacant again, a second caretaker was found in Kaifu.

His job was to keep the seat warm until the country was ready for Abe. A secondary factor was that after his long wait, Abe suddenly was not ready for the job. He was rushed into hospital last summer, apparently for gallstone surgery, although political insiders said the malady might well be more serious.

Even Abe must have thought that Recruit and illness had together killed his dream of leading Japan. But his health began to pick up again, and with it his ambition. He has been making speeches and shaking hands for months, since long before the general election was called. Abe knows that Takeshita will honour his promise to hand over the reins. All that is left is to persuade voters he has done penance for his ties to the Recruit mess and to find a way to put the hapless Kaifu out to grass.

The Japanese have short, forgiving memories. The LDP's popularity in recent opinion polls suggests that the Recruit episode has become just another of several political corruption scandals punctuating Japan's postwar history. What nags Abe is that the inexperienced but unexceptionable Kaifu may also have helped to rally the party's fortunes and that Kaifu may be seeking his reward.

Abe's poor health has persuaded him not to dilly-dally by allowing Kaifu to fade slowly. Also worrying Abe is the crop of young Turks – including Ryutaro Hashimoto, the finance minister, and Ichiro Ozawa, the LDP's secretary general, both popular and talented – who are itching for power to fall to a younger generation of leaders. A plan has been hatched to make it almost impossible for Kaifu to last long after the election, whatever the outcome.

Takeshita did his bit by making it clear that he was still kingmaker, that he was pulling Kaifu's strings and it was up to the puppet-master to decide when Kaifu left the stage. Abe and Takeshita snapped what remained of Kaifu's confidence by arranging for Abe to make a high-profile, headline-stealing visit to President Gorbachov in Moscow last month, just when Kaifu was making a statesman's tour of Europe. Abe's travelling companions included LDP leaders while Kaifu's entourage was padded out with what one observer called "a motley bunch of junior spear-bearers who tagged along for the ride".

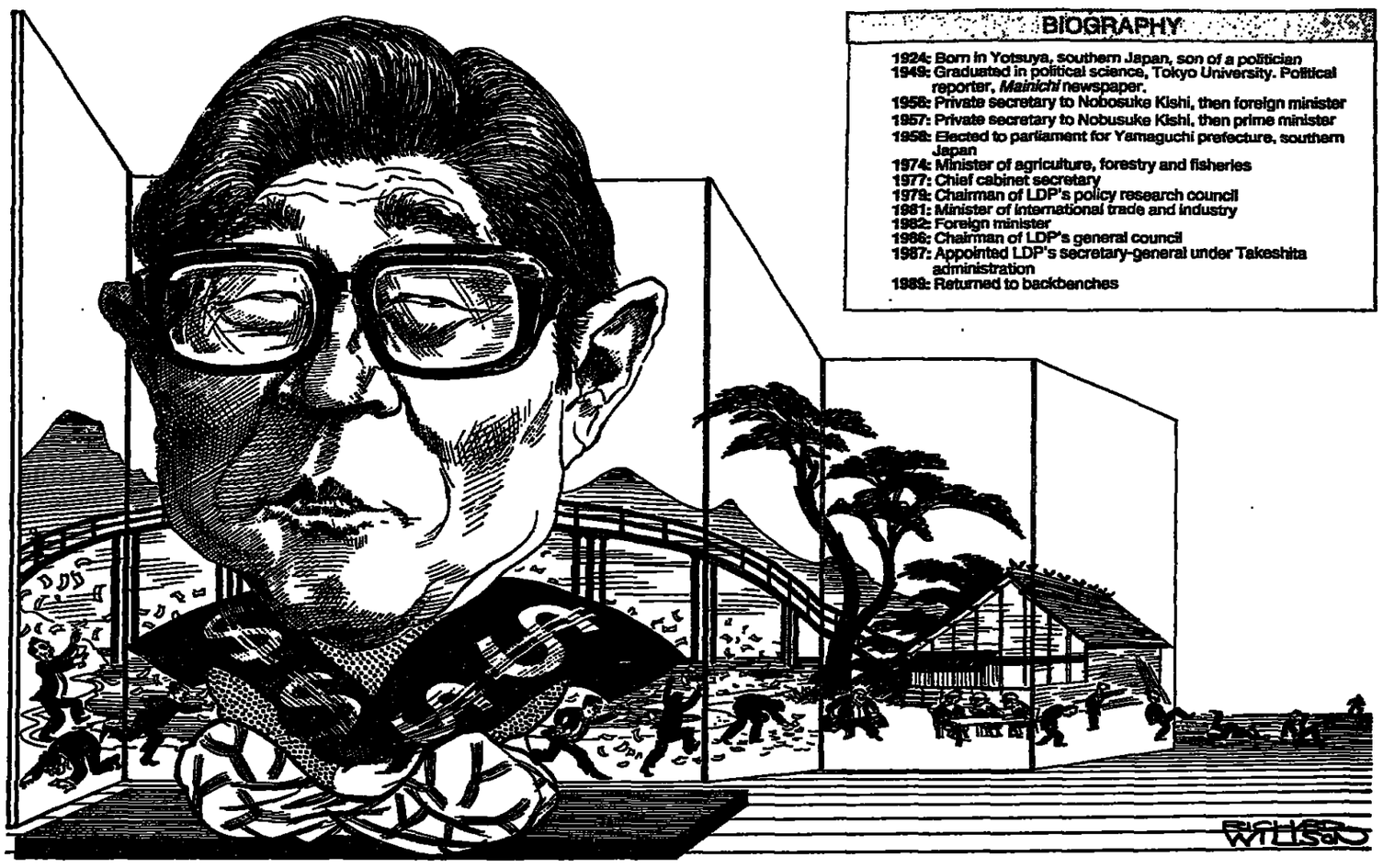
What are Abe's chances of success? Probably rather good. A whispering campaign has begun to prepare the ground.

A senior member of the LDP said: "There is a growing feeling within the party that there is a need to establish a 'proper' administration as soon as possible to deal with the serious issues facing the LDP, both within and outside the party."

A top member of Abe's faction says matter-of-factly: "It is not envisaged that Kaifu will serve for the full term of his presidency," which expires in October. "We'll see a change in the leadership by the June to August period of this year. We would be happy to see Abe take over."

So will Abe.

Joe Joseph



BIOGRAPHY

- 1924: Born in Yotsuya, southern Japan, son of a politician
- 1949: Graduated in political science, Tokyo University. Political reporter, *Mainichi* newspaper.
- 1956: Private secretary to Nobosuke Kishi, then foreign minister
- 1957: Private secretary to Nobusuke Kishi, then prime minister
- 1958: Elected to parliament for Yamaguchi prefecture, southern Japan
- 1974: Minister of agriculture, forestry and fisheries
- 1977: Chief cabinet secretary
- 1979: Chairman of LDP's policy research council
- 1981: Minister of international trade and industry
- 1982: Foreign minister
- 1986: Chairman of LDP's general council
- 1987: Appointed LDP's secretary-general under Takeshita administration
- 1989: Returned to backbenches

Christie's, the inside story

artfile

A weekly look at the art world

Sarah Jane Checkland

Discover why Brian Sewell, art critic of the year in 1989, abandoned a promising career at Christie's ("An unhappy story and some may say one that need not be told . . .").

Find out what happened when the Max Factor magnate Norton Simon gave the auctioneer impossible instructions at the sale of Rembrandt's portrait of "Titus" ("... When he stands up he has stopped bidding. If he then sits down again he is not bidding until he raises his finger . . .").

Be a fly on the wall when New York supremo David Bathurst tells of the "erroneous" statement that ruined his career with Christie's ("Just say they were sold, John").

All this, and more, can be found in *Inside Christie's* by John Herbert, the company's head of public relations for three decades until he retired in 985.

It is the first book on the company since 1958. Although couched in the discreet terms of the author's caste (he is the son of the novelist A.P. Herbert), it is the closest we will probably ever get to a Christie's "kiss and tell".

Last week, Herbert could be found at his picturesque house beside the Thames at Hammersmith, the phone ringing constantly as former colleagues gave reassurances that the content of the book was acceptable to them. For example, Johnny van Haeften, an eminent West End dealer and once Herbert's minion, apparently doesn't mind being described as "a rather frivolous youth".

Although most of Christie's present directors escape such tart characterizations, it is rumoured that the book contains enough to embarrass them and that they plan to boycott the launch party next Monday.

Inevitably, in view of the subject, the book frequently glitters with strings of "discovery" stories, and the occasional in-house romance. Published for the first time is a photograph of Judy Runick modelling jewellery during an auction. The one-time Miss Israel, who became a Christie's front counter girl, was subsequently noticed by Alf Taubman, the American who now owns Sotheby's. He made her his wife.

The book has its share of japes, as when the experts invented the name Lawrence Bastard for an artist whose identity was unknown, and in 1964, when Charlie Allsopp, now the London chairman, went boating in Lord Rockley's estate in Gloucestershire during a valuation. The boat capsized. "I remember feeling slightly uneasy," Herbert writes, "wondering what Lord Rockley would have thought – I knew he made sudden unannounced appearances at Northwick Park."

Another close shave was when David Bathurst nearly refused to sell a Seurat to an unfamiliar "bearded man in a mackintosh". Luckily the gentleman handed up a card saying: "The bearer of this card is authorized to bid on my behalf. Paul Mellon."

Such incidents are just the sort of anecdotes that auctioneers like to project, furthering as they do a desirable image of their trade. But Herbert also rocks the boat with details about its flip-side, such as trade secrets about deals struck with clients and the cynical methods of researching and flattering the rich. One in-house memo, reproduced in full, sends a particular chill: "Obituary lists should be circulated every morning to directors in case there was anyone with important works of art".

Previously unrecorded episodes include a dangerous valuation in Cuba at the time of the US-Russia missile crisis in 1962. Patrick Lindsay, a director, was approached by a syndicate which even today remains anonymous. "Their suggestion was to make a cash offer for all the works of art confiscated when Castro seized power early in 1959."

After an initial visit to Cuba by the chairman, Peter Chance, and subsequently an intensive valuation session by three members of staff (one of whom undertook his job sweltering in his Bond Street serge suit), the project came to nothing.

All this takes place against a background of the slow, often painful growth of Christie's into an international operation.

Whether the company has evolved from élitism to meritocracy, as Herbert claims, is questionable. And there are still only two woman out of 38 board members.

So why did Brian Sewell leave? Herbert puts it down to a combination of frustration at the infighting within his department, along with the company's failure to promote him.

A contributive factor could have been an incident when the company announced that a Rubens *modello* had been identified by the better-known expert, David Carritt, when the discovery was in fact made by Sewell himself.

As to the Norton Simon incident, which took place in 1965, the millionaire's instructions went wrong, with Peter Chance, the auctioneer, knocking the painting down to the Marlborough Gallery, and Simon objecting vociferously. "There then ensued a most vulgar argument."

Eventually, Chance felt forced to start the bidding again, and Simon secured his prize. The price was £798,000 – the highest then paid for a picture in Britain. Letters of objection were written to *The Times*.

The Bathurst incident, when he pretended two paintings had sold when they had not, came as he descended the rostrum from a disastrous sale in 1981. He was approached by a reporter claiming the art market had collapsed. "I could see he had already written it on his pad," Bathurst says in the book. "If I said yes he would probably have written 'confirmed Mr Bathurst'. I thought, 'Oh no, that's all we need, a headline saying: Art market has collapsed'. So I said, 'No, I don't think the art market has collapsed. Not a great sale, but not a collapse'."

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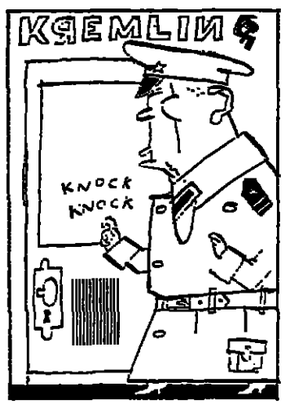
Egon Krenz – the man who gave the order to open the Berlin Wall – is out of work, pensionless and trying to make money by peddling his memoirs of six short weeks in power in East Germany. Last weekend he tested the market in Bremen, where he appeared on a radio talk show before going on to relax in a Hamburg jazz cellar. Later, he was allowed to sit in at the editorial conference of the mass-circulation daily *Bild* which, when Krenz ousted Honecker to seize power, castigated his high living and heavy drinking: "When Karl Marx leaves, Johnnie Walker comes in." Afterwards, all clearly forgiven, the paper took him to the Fischereihafen, Germany's best fish restaurant, and plied him with food and drink. But they didn't buy his book – perhaps because he hasn't written it yet.

Further East European news. You remember wireless sets, don't you? The big things that could pick up Hilversum and Athlone, powered by great glowing valves, that have now given way to the ubiquitous tranny. David Crossley, who runs his own Birmingham electronics business, has landed a £25,000 initial order to supply these old-fashioned valves to Bulgaria. Not, I may say, to allow the Bulgarians to keep listening to the BBC, but to keep their elderly airport radar functioning through the next decade. "Modern radar systems don't use valves any more, but they are actually in many ways more reliable than transistors," Crossley tells me. And before you look down your nose at the poor, antiquated Bulgarians, or change your mind about flying into Sofia, let me tell you that he supplies them to our own Civil Aviation Authority as well.

● **Passengers on an Aer Lingus flight to Manchester were alarmed when it suddenly halted on the apron at Dublin and the captain announced that a vital piece of equipment had been left behind. After some minutes they saw the essential part being wheeled towards them: the drinks trolley.**

Was *The Times* of last century superior to *The Sun* today? We like to think so, but an essay on "Victorian Standards" in the current issue of the magazine *British Style* doubts it. We informed our readers one morning that "Mr Gladstone, the Prime Minister, has suffered a sharp attack of diarrhoea," and on another occasion thought nothing of intruding on the breakfast table with a debate on whether public urinals should be erected within sight of the homes of gentlefolk. This newspaper apart, things don't change much except, the magazine suggests, that we have lost the Victorians' talent for hypocrisy. "It was a time when fashionable whores mixed freely in High Society," says *British Style*. Oh, things haven't changed a bit.

BARRY FANTONI



'Safe to go to bed, Mr Gorbachov – I've checked underneath for Reds'

Editorship of the BBC's flagship current affairs show *Panorama* is up for grabs. The present rising-star incumbent, Tim Gardam, has been promoted to the higher and darker skies of *Newsnight*, where he can twinkle more brightly. Among the 18 candidates to be interviewed next week for the prestigious – and of course thoroughly impartial – post is Stephen Robin, now in public relations and adviser to a couple of MPs on the Broadcasting Bill. During the 1987 general election Robin was head of broadcasting at Tory Central Office, counterpart to Labour's Peter Mandelson. He left to fight the Euro-seat of Strathclyde West for the Tories, and was pummelled into third place by Labour and the SNP. Whether such a political cv is help or hindrance before the BBC mandarins, I shall be most intrigued to discover.

Bad times for estate agents are forcing them to new heights of hyperbole and irrelevant conjunction in their handouts. "Dylan Thomas would have drunk there" says the prospectus for a coach house in Laugharne, south Wales, entirely unconnected with the poet's boathouse home, and converted to a wine bar more than 35 years after the village's most famous resident passed on to the great public bar in the sky. Mind you, poor dear Dylan would have drunk *anywhere*.

Communism, killed by a new revolution

Silviu Brucan, a leader of the new Romania, believes swift technical change has left the party obsolete

Two political phenomena today dominate political life in Eastern Europe: pluralism and the dissolution of the Communist party. To be sure, they are dialectically interrelated. Political pluralism did not come out of the blue. It is the necessary result in the political sphere of a process of social differentiation.

The official communist claim up to now was that, because of industrialization, an ever-increasing working class would take shape in the post-revolutionary epoch, a class sufficiently integrated to share a common ideological consciousness and a common set of material and cultural interests.

As for the Communist party, it was initially conceived as the party of the proletariat, by which Marx and Lenin meant the class exploited by the capitalists by doing manual work. Of course, as the party of the future, it was supposed to lead a class that embodied the most advanced emerging productive forces.

The scientific-technological revolution has invalidated all these assumptions one by one. Instead of homogenization, we witness a process of social differentiation which will be widened by the current reforms. The socio-occupational groups that emerge range from unskilled and skilled manual workers to engineers and specialists, white-collar functionaries and state administrative personnel, creative intellectual professionals, service employees, private artisans and repairmen, co-operative workers and entrepreneurs etc. In brief, the technological revolution has virtually destroyed the notion of the working class as a large, compact, sociological unity.

Therefore, the question is whether the Communist party will be able to reshape its conception and organization to accommodate the various interests and views of the emerging social groups, particularly those of the intellectuals. The issue was discussed candidly at a seminar last May in the Soviet Siberian city of Novosibirsk entitled "*Perestroika?* Who is in favour and who against?". Examining the results of a six-year inquiry led by the Soviet sociologist Tatiana Zaslavskya, the seminar concluded: manual workers are against; skilled workers support democratization but not economic changes; intellectuals and leaders are in favour of both; bureaucrats and the administrative apparatus oppose radical reform; managers of enterprises support economic change, but not political change. Now, where and how are these major social groups going to express their views?

In a socially differentiated society, political pluralism is a must if violent social eruptions and clashes are to be avoided and economic activities are to follow an ascending line. In recent times, Gorbachov has often mentioned "socialist pluralism". But what exactly is it?

There are only two possible types: a multi-party system or pluralism within a one-party system. However, party pluralism means renouncing the monolithic conception that has made the Communist party intolerant, repressive and bureaucratic. This means the acceptance and legalization of groups and factions within the party, the only way of making it democratic and representative. In fact, factions did exist and will always exist in a socially differentiated society with a one-party system. Even after the tenth congress of the Bolshevik party in 1921 which, at Lenin's proposal, adopted the resolution forbidding them, factions continued to exist, with leftist and rightist platforms clashing in the party and in public.

Subsequently, one faction – be it Stalin's, Khrushchev's, Brezhnev's and now Gorbachov's – has invariably run the party by eliminating the other. It is monolithism – the denial of the right of various social groups to be represented – that has made the Communist party repressive, within and without.

The fact is that if the constituent parts of society do not and cannot defend their interests and express their views in the only party that exists, then the emergence of alternative political parties is not only inevitable but perfectly legitimate. That is exactly what is happening throughout Eastern Europe.

Moreover, the principal social effect of the technological revolution has pushed the intellectuals to the forefront of society. We are thus dealing with a social stratum that cannot possibly come to terms with an intolerant and repressive political machinery.

In addition, the ideal social base of the Communist party, the manual workers of peasant origin, is a dwindling social stratum, diminishing both in numbers and social status. The underlying social reason for Brezhnev's "period of stagnation" was his refusal to sacrifice the pre-eminence of the industrial worker on the altar of the technological revolution.

In the age of computers and the information society, the manual worker can hardly be described as the embodiment of the most advanced productive process. Hence a legitimate question arises: how can the Communist party, which was established to represent him, remain in the political vanguard?

That is why the Communist parties in Eastern Europe are doomed to extinction. Even in the Soviet Union, the Communist party is apparently unable to play the vanguard role required by Gorbachov's revolutionary breakthrough.

Professor Brucan, once a leading member of the Romanian Communist Party, was one of six Romanians who wrote an open letter to the West in March 1989 criticizing Ceausescu's policies. This week he resigned from the executive of the National Salvation Front but remains on its council and will be involved in shaping the Front's campaign for the May general election.

Glenys Kinnock offers a personal view of Nicaragua as national elections near

A land in need of healing aid

How can it be, asks Father Miguel d'Escoto, the foreign minister, that Nicaragua is such a threat? "There are just two elevators in the whole country – and only one of them works." Time and again, as Brenda Dean and I toured Nicaragua at a critical time in its history, we heard the same complaint: "Our right to sovereignty is denied on the basis that we represent a threat, existing as we do in their backyard, to the USA."

We arrived one month before the presidential and local elections and immediately felt the full blast of the Sandinista government's hard campaigning. In the north, we heard several accounts of continuing activity by the Contras in response to that campaign – attacks on local communities, ambushes of those at the forefront of the electoral fight. Some 4,000 Contras have flooded back into the countryside from their Honduras base camps.

The main opposition, UNO, has apparently been damaged by these attacks. Its president, Ciranto Sosa, has a son in the Contra army. Sosa himself was a lieutenant in the National Guard run by Somoza, the dictator overthrown by the Sandinistas in 1975.

It was in the town of Esteli that we saw most clearly the impact of the war. Agriculture has been severely disrupted over the last decade; because of the US economic blockade they cannot sell their tobacco and coffee crops. The result – paralysis of the whole region.

Yet the amnesty offered to the Contras by the Sandinista government seems to have been accepted. "We have to live with them or face more war," a government official told us. "We want to believe that peace is possible." But only a fortnight earlier, a group of Sandinistas had been ambushed by Contra terrorists as they travelled to an election meeting. The Sandinistas' driver, a young serviceman, was killed, a teachers' union official critically injured.

Yet despite the thuggery and intimidation, there is enormous enthusiasm for the election. Almost nine out of ten of those eligible to vote have registered. There remains a strong sense of national identity. In the Managua *barrio* and in the villages, people are acutely aware of their country's history, of the long struggle against dictatorship, and repeated US intervention.

Of late, the added US military presence in Panama has resulted in an extra turning of the screw on Nicaragua. Since the US trade embargo was imposed in 1985, Panama has been the main channel for Nicaraguan foreign commerce and access to American goods and dollars.

Virtually everyone I met had lost a loved one in the past decade. "I thought I too would die", an old lady told me, "when my two sons were killed by the Contras." The suffering is exacerbated by the government's drastic cuts in public expenditure and investment as it tries to stabilize the economy. Inflation, which exceeded 80,000 per cent in 1988, has been reduced to about 10 per cent a month. But the cost has been enormous.

At the hospital in Esteli the doctors spelt out the real cost of the war. "There is not going to be much left over when a country has to spend 50 per cent of its GNP on defence," one said.

The hospital in Esteli is short of everything: staff, drugs, syringes, and sheets. Babies are suffering from malnutrition, diarrhoea and acute respiratory infections – although, thanks to a health campaign involving everyone from the president down, the infant mortality rate has been more than halved in the past 10 years and there has been a significant increase in the provision of primary preventive services at community level.

Even so, hospitals find it hard to deliver even a basic service. A surgeon complained that he often has to ask patients to buy their own sutures before he can operate, and though medication is free for some, the rest have to pay. Maria Tellez, the health minister, has agreed to the introduction of pay beds. She wants those who can afford to buy treatment to provide the money for those who cannot. She said, half joking, that a by-product is the increase in the "social productivity" of the doctors. Now, instead of going home at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, they stay to attend to their private patients.

The health system, like much else in Nicaragua, has developed from a general commitment to pluralism and to a socialist system which takes into account the realities of the situation. Change has called for the active and enthusiastic involvement of the people, something which gives heart to agencies such as Oxfam. A dialogue exists between government, professionals, communities and the popular organizations. Their shared responsibility for the outcome is recognized.

Meanwhile the efforts to secure reconciliation go on. Vice-President Sergio Ramarez compares the process to a train which offers a journey to all the people of Nicaragua. "The wounds will only be healed when we join together to rebuild our shattered economy," he said.

But it is not entirely up to the Nicaraguan people. International aid is urgently needed and their isolation must be ended if they are to work their way out of their crushing poverty. Nicaragua has been applauded by many individuals and international agencies and organizations for the way it has established a priority of needs in difficult economic conditions. It is time now for countries like Britain to respond to its achievements by providing development aid.

Currently there is little attempt to respond to the genuine humanitarian needs of Nicaragua. It is time indeed that the entire European Community adopted a more positive and supportive approach. Also, if a "special relationship" still exists, our government should urge Washington to lift the trade embargo and to press the World Bank, the IMF and others to take a more sympathetic approach.

Señora d'Escoto, mother of the foreign minister, told us why she was so looking forward to election day. It will be only her second opportunity to vote during her 90 years. I hope, along with her, for the processes of healing to take shape after February 25. It will, after all, be the most "observed" election ever in an independent country. If the UN and the Organization of American States declare it to have been free and fair, this will surely signal an end to the military and economic aggression which has cost so many thousands of Nicaraguan lives.

Glenys Kinnock is chairwoman of the Bernt Carlsson Trust. Her visit to Nicaragua was sponsored by the Catholic Institute of International Affairs.

Bernard Levin's column will appear tomorrow.

Ronald Butt urges sympathy for de Klerk as well as Gorbachov

Mirror images of reform

For far too long, the reception given by many on the political right to President Gorbachov's liberationist policies in the Soviet Union was foolishly grudging. Was he not still a communist? Why had he not renounced Leninism? Was it not all a trick to make the West lower its guard? If it was not a trick, then he would probably be overturned and totalitarian communism would be restored. Now that he has secured the ending of the Communist Party's constitutional right of rule, has not the cement which has held the Soviet Union together been removed, threatening its disintegration and the burial of Gorbachov's power in the ruins?

Yet the reality has been throughout that Gorbachov has moved step by step both to prevent a build-up of enemies against him and to encourage public opinion to push him further – so that he could always say, truthfully, that there was no alternative. That is why, whatever happens to this remarkable man personally, what he has achieved cannot be reversed.

Likewise, the liberation of the Soviet Union's former satellite states was not achieved by the crowds on the streets of Leipzig, Berlin and Prague; had that been all that was needed they would have risen years ago. They acted in 1989 only because Gorbachov had given clear signals that the Soviet Union would not suppress them with tanks. They knew there had been a change of heart and mind in the Soviet Union and that a different sort of politics was emerging at last from the cold, dogmatic climate of Kremlin Marxism, as always must happen eventually after any revolution.

To recognize all this is neither sentiment nor wishful thinking. Still less does it imply that the West should lower its military guard. It is simply an acknowledgment of the historical truth that even the most total tyranny must end sooner or later, and that the best hope of ending it in reasonable peace lies in action taken from within the system itself by reasonable men who had gained access to politics in the only way open to them.

Now let us apply the same principles to President de Klerk, South Africa and the grudging reaction of some on the liberal-left to his speech last week. It can be summed up as follows: though the banned African organizations have been unbanned and Nelson Mandela is to be freed, much of the system of apartheid remains and, in de Klerk's proposals for negotiations, there is no specific commitment to one person-one vote on a single franchise roll.

In London on his way to South Africa, the Rev Jesse Jackson acknowledged the importance of de Klerk's speech but still saw no case either for encouraging progress by ending sanctions (it was enough to refrain from strengthening them) or for any concessions on investment in South Africa.

The conditions for both were not only the total end of apartheid but a definite agreement on full democracy as the *sine qua non* of dealings with South Africa. There is, he thinks, no more reason to fear universal suffrage on a single voting roll than there were grounds in the US for the fear of desegregation before it happened.

Yet what many white South Africans fear is not democracy but rather the possibility that one man-one vote on a single roll might produce a one-party state built on the manipulation of a large black majority plunged suddenly into the democratic process. They fear the possibility of a society with standards of incorruptibility, liberty and efficiency such as obtain elsewhere in Africa.

President de Klerk has made it clear that he is now committed to universal franchise and full democracy. There is also no doubt, both from his and from other ministerial statements, that race classification is to end, which implies a single franchise roll. The establishment of black homelands and a three-chamber parliament have both been tried without success and the government now accepts that white South Africans cannot simply prescribe a constitution. They know that its formulation must be shared with blacks and all other communities so that all can live with it and develop it.

The questions to be settled, therefore, concern the method of a single franchise roll; whether it is to be by proportional representation and in what manner; how minorities are to be protected; how civil liberties are to be safeguarded and so on. President de Klerk has to overcome resistance in his own community, and that is why he cannot commit himself outright to a specific constitutional goal. Like Gorbachov the Communist leader, de Klerk the Afrikaner leader must act by stages.

It appears to be envisaged that the negotiating process will last at least a year from the time it starts and will involve representatives from all the interested groups, territories and tribes. For de Klerk to have said more about the future at this stage than he did say would have been to give hostages to fortune. It would be equally foolish not to bracket the commitment to universal suffrage with one to protecting the rights of all minorities. It is not simply a question of safeguarding the rights of a white minority which has been indifferent to those of the black majority. What matters is whether South Africa, with its mineral wealth and its sophisticated Western economy, is to become a genuine democracy in spirit to the benefit of all its inhabitants or a pseudo-democratic state with universal franchise which can be manipulated for arbitrary purposes at the cost of social and economic decay.

The wish for a speedy end to apartheid is healthy. But for some anti-apartheid campaigners in this country there is an instinctive urge to see the present "masters" humiliated by a kind of unconditional surrender, just as some in the past have sometimes seemed resigned to risk bloodshed to achieve their ideal. Yet if there is one overriding lesson of history it is that progress is best and most durable when it is gained by evolution and worst when revolution sows the seeds of future trouble.

The task of Presidents Gorbachov and de Klerk has been to woo people into change, and they deserve calm and encouraging responses. When a door is opened, the threshold should be crossed thoughtfully and preferably with a smile – not with threats.

Warming to an ageing Grimble

CLEMENT FREUD

I have to go back a bit before I can go forward. 1964. The *Daily Herald*, for which I wrote leaders, was on its last legs. Average age of readership: deceased. Circulation: we would rather not say. The only advertisements it pulled in were for hearing aids and bunion cures. Agencies came up with the battle cry: "Put your truss in the *Daily Herald*."

Then early in September of that year it was relaunched and became *The Sun* – hardly any relation to the present title. I became its sportswriter and in October I was sent to Tokyo to cover the Olympic Games.

When I came back to London I appeared on an Eamonn Andrews show to talk about our athletes, and then did another show, and another, and became famous. I opened filling stations for serious money and when I went out people gaped and said: "It's him." "Who?" asked their children. "The one from telly," explained their parents, "he's famous."

I did all the things famous people do: *Call My Bluff, Tell The Truth, What's My Line, The Simon Dee Show* and, because I had once been a cook, I was awarded an ITV cookery programme called *Freud on Food*. In 1966 the BBC asked me if I would do *Jackanory*, a children's programme then presented by famous people like Peter Sellers and Bernard Cribbins, and I said yes.

I told a story about a boy called Grimble – an amalgam of my five children – who was "about ten" and had rotten parents. The old Grimbles went away to Peru without telling him and left notes about where to find food; sent misleading telegrams about when they might be coming back. Altogether I did three Grimble stories.

Grimble was published by Collins and I became a famous author. Barry Norman interviewed me – before he became famous – and the book sold 20,000 in hardback – I guaranteed the sale and got left with 3,000 copies, which are still mouldering in a St John's Wood garage.

Puffin printed *Grimble* in paperback and since 1967 it has reprinted the book once or twice each year: modest reprints, but ever and anon enlightened schoolteachers buy copies and read them to their pupils. At the end of the lesson they tell their customers to write to Mr Freud and explain what they liked in the book and ask when he is going to write another.

We now move to Tuesday of this week when I got a batch of letters from children at St Mary's Church of England primary school in Stansted, Essex. Among them was the most touching communication to reach me since I did a commercial for a pet food called Chunky Meat and received a note from a West Indian bus driver: "This Chunky Meat you say is good, is not so good; it tastes pretty nasty and don't go too well with green banana hash." I publish the seven-year-old child's letter in its entirety: "Dear Mr Freud. How are you? From here I'm from Lebanon. Your book is very hard but I like some of it when I understand. Love from Wassim."

In the same class an urbane boy called David: "Dear Mr Freud, I hope your book is selling well. I'm 7 years old."

Zoe: "Next Christmas, please can you write *Santa and the Big Snowball*. Yours sincerely."

Rebecca wrote: "I like it when Grimble's father says if someone starts a sentence with actually, it means they are telling lies. I also like Ronald Dahl and Enid blyton. You should write more books about Grimble."

From Corinne's letter I learn that she has two pets a budgie and a rabbit – yours sincerely please write back. Richard says: "I like *Grimble* because the parents are brill. I would like to be a writer." And Hayley wants me to write her a book called *My Little Pony*.

For the last 24 years I have toyed with writing more children's books – because of the enormous pleasure of getting letters from satisfied clients; I get none from those who have bought my eight grown-up books. I thought of *Grimble at Westminster* – but it would have an unhappy ending. *Grimble in Fleet Street* might have been all right but *Grimble at Wapping* doesn't sound like a best seller. When I have worked out what to do with the 3,000 hardbacks in the St John's Wood garage, I might write a sequel; by that time Wassim – whose love I return – will understand. It's all about having good teachers like the one at St Mary's in Stansted.

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REVOLUTION IN MOSCOW

History was made in the Kremlin yesterday. The Central Committee of the Soviet Communist Party adopted a new political platform under which Article 6 of the Soviet Constitution, the legal basis for the Communist Party's monopoly of power, is to be abolished. For the first time since 1917, the party Lenin once called the "conscience, honour and mind of the nation" will have to justify that large claim against fierce political competition.

That one fact dwarfs all others: the Soviet Union is launched on a road which must eventually lead to political pluralism, however handicapped its development may be by the Union's still-operative socialist Constitution. Soviet voters have been given the unmistakable signal that the party is no longer an inescapable feature of their lives — even if it is not yet, as it was described last night by the president of the Russian Federation, Mr Vitaly Vorotnikov, "just like any party in the world". President Gorbachov, whatever concessions have been offered the party hardliners in pursuit of consensus, has won the battle to modernize the party and thus, he hopes, to harness the forces of change in the Soviet Union.

Success in that strategic goal is far from assured: having outflanked the party orthodox, he faces the much harder task of convincing the Soviet people that modernization is enough to give the party the "decisive role" he still seeks for it in political life. However radical yesterday's decisions may seem to the party faithful, they will strike many voters as no more than plain common sense, and many more as wholly inadequate.

The nervousness of the orthodox on that score helps to explain why the plenum took a third unscheduled morning to reach its decision, and why Mr Gorbachov came under the fiercest attacks of his career. He was criticized both by reformers and hardliners for indecisive leadership. Even among the ranks of his closest supporters, there were demands that "extremist" parties be banned which reflected profound misgivings about giving genuinely free rein to political debate.

A chorus led by Mr Gorbachov's ranking opponent, Mr Yegor Ligachov, demanded the restoration of party discipline, blamed Mr Gorbachov's policies of *perestroika* for wrecking the Soviet economy and *glasnost* for bringing it to the edge of chaos. The bitterness of their criticisms reflects the awareness of the *apparatchiks* who make up more than 70 per cent of the Central Committee that, as some said, the principle of socialist internationalism was at stake.

The question, as they filed out of the Kremlin, was whether Lenin's state, to which they owe their positions, can survive without Lenin's state ideology. The point was underlined earlier this week when grassroots pressure, coupled with the refusal of industrial collectives to pay their party dues, compelled the resignation of yet another party chief, this time in the important industrial region of Sverdlovsk. Across the country, there are reports of defections from the party, and the formation of new political groups.

Both trends may well accelerate if, as expected, party candidates do badly in the forthcoming local elections. Even before the party Congress, which has been brought forward to midsummer, meets to endorse the new platform, the party is likely to split into factions, with the centre losing not only the hardliners but those who, like Mr Boris Yeltsin, believe that Mr Gorbachov has been insufficiently radical.

Mr Gorbachov's authority, in a weakened party, could be enhanced by the increased executive powers he is set to assume — as state President, not as party chief. But the more he distances himself from the party, the more directly accountable he will be held for the miserable performance of the Soviet economy. It is difficult to see how he can continue to present himself as the champion of civil and political freedoms without tackling the inconsistency between political pluralism and bureaucratic centralism.

The lesson of Eastern Europe is that those who have tried to modernize communism have lost out; it is those prepared to break with a hated system who rapidly assumed leadership once the façades began to crack. The Soviet Union, however, may not shed Leninism so rapidly: the product is home-grown, and longer-established: Mr Ligachov called for a referendum on the introduction of private property to make the point that distrust of the marketplace is deeply rooted.

So far, Mr Gorbachov's political instincts — and beliefs — have inclined him to extreme caution on the economic front. Last December's outline of the new five-year plan purported to provide for the transition to "market-oriented relations", but in fact deferred reforms, such as price liberalizaton, without which a transition is impossible. The "planned market" is a contradiction in terms.

Mr Gorbachov's dilemma is that the risks involved in the political reforms which he has induced the party to sanction are magnified by economic stagnation, but that the pain of serious reforms could hasten the party's demise. He has proved himself once again a master of political maneouvre; the coming months will stretch to the full his capacity for strategic vision.

GUARDING FAIRNESS

A major fraud trial involving a number of people well known in the City is about to begin at Southwark Crown Court. Yesterday the Court of Appeal upheld a ruling by the trial judge on Monday, Mr Justice Henry, that it could be reported in the press. *The Times* was one of the newspapers which, along with broadcasting organizations, had sought that ruling and which therefore opposed yesterday's appeal against it.

The Court of Appeal's decision, which was technically a refusal of leave to appeal, leaves newspapers clear for the first time to refer to the existence of these matters, which could not have been mentioned before without risk of contempt of court. Even Mr Justice Henry's ruling against the imposition of reporting restrictions could not be reported on Monday, because of an application to appeal. If he had decided differently, or if the Court of Appeal had overturned his decision, it would not have been possible to report even that they had done so.

This is a situation which is both confusing and alarming. It results from a serpentine combination of two pieces of recent legislation, the Criminal Justice Act of 1987 and the Contempt of Court Act of 1981; and from the decision of Mr Justice Henry to allow two trials instead of one, although the events from which both of them arise were the same. (It is worth noting in passing that even his decision to allow two trials could not be reported until after the case yesterday).

His reasons for allowing the cases to be split in two were manifestly based on the needs of justice, as to deal with so many complex matters in one trial would have risked unfairness. In his ruling on Monday Mr Justice Henry disclosed that after he had made that decision, it was argued on behalf of some of the defendants in the second trial that any reporting of the earlier trial could prejudice the later one. He accepted that that was at least possible, but on balancing it against the public interest, found in favour of the latter.

"There are strong public policy reasons why justice should be administered openly, and fairly reported," he declared. He also expressed some robust confidence in the fair-mindedness of juries, pointing out that they often heard cases with a potential for pre-judgement. "They overcome any such bias to deal with such matters properly and to the public satisfaction." But he added a stern warning to the press that any departure from the strict standards of fair reporting could be deemed to introdnce prejudice into the minds of a second jury, and advised them to give this aspect their close attention.

All this is beyond criticism as a proper application of the present law. It is far from satisfactory that such laws exist, however. No doubt with the best of intentions, Parliament has turned the once simple task of court reporting into a labyrinth of confusing rules and conflicting principles. In that situation nothing is more certain than that sooner or later someone will make a serious mistake in an area of law where strict liability applies — no guilty intention has to be proved for an offence to be committed.

That fear alone could inhibit the press from discharging adequately its duty to acquaint the community with proceedings in the courts. It is, in Lord Denning's phrase, the watchdog guarding fairness. Parliament went wrong in its framing of the Criminal Justice Act when it decided to impose precise and complex restrictions on the reporting of fraud cases, because it made that important guardianship role very difficult to exercise effectively.

It would have done far better to have trusted judges to use their discretion under Section 4 of the Contempt of Court Act to prohibit reporting of specific pieces of evidence that might in the judge's opinion be seriously prejudicial to the interests of justice, and to have left it at that. Instead, Parliament tried to legislate for almost every eventuality.

The Criminal Justice Act has replaced common-sense discretion of judges, which is based on simple principles everyone understands, with a minefield of rules and regulations. In so doing it has damaged the interests not just of the press but of the public at large.

Control of tradesmen

From the Chief Executive and Secretary of the Institute of Plumbing

Sir, What the public urgently needs for tradesmen (leading article, January 31; letters, February 5) is the means of adequately identifying competent operators.

In other countries the mechanism is compulsory registration, whereas in the UK there is no such control. My own institute, which is a professional body acting primarily in the public interest, is supported entirely by the voluntary subscription of members.

Two years ago the Department of the Environment published a report by the "beat the cowboys" working party, of which I was a member. The report said the case for the general compulsory registration of builders was not proven. However, there was a better case for compulsory registration for specialist areas of activity such as plumbing, gas, and electrical installation, where issues of health and safety of the public are involved.

The effects of bad gas and electrical work are self-evident and occasionally dramatic. Faulty plumbing is not always detectable, but drinking contaminated water and inhaling drain gases can be no less serious. Naturally, doctors rarely if ever associate sickness with bad plumbing!

How many more people must needlessly be made ill and perhaps lose their lives through the actions of incompetent operators who prey on an unsuspecting public? People need protection to avoid the need to seek justice after such tragedies.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW WATTS,
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Hornchurch, Essex.

Truant fathers

From Lord Aberconway

Sir, His Honour Judge Lyall Wilkes (February 1) correctly points out the relative ineffectiveness of the system for the attachment of wages of a "truant" father. As a magistrate I often had the experience of hearing that, after the cumbersome procedure of attachment has been completed and the employer has been instructed to attach part of a man's pay, the man promptly changes his job, thwarting the order and necessitating a repetition of the procedure.

This shortcoming of the system in practice could easily be overcome if the income tax form, showing a man's earnings and tax deducted in the year, which has to be given by an employer to a leaving employee and which the latter has to give to his new employer, could have a space in which a tick would denote an attachment order.

The employer would be under an obligation, when an employee leaves, to note by a tick that such an order had been made, and attach to the form the original order or a copy of it; the new employer would have to put this order into effect.

Yours faithfully,
ABERCONWAY,
40 Lowndes Street, SW1.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Suggestions for right sentences

From his Honour Peter Mason, QC

Sir, Whether or not a Sentencing Council is established, as Vivien Stern (February 5) suggests, would it not be helpful if counsel for the prosecution were permitted to suggest to the court what, in their view, the right sentence would be?

Now that prosecutions are conducted independently of the police, I cannot see any juridical objection to this. Judges and magistrates would not be bound to accept sentencing submissions made by the Crown, but such submissions might be helpful in achieving general consistency.

A further benefit would be that judges and magistrates would be given help in finding a safe path through various legislative minefields, in particular that which they tread when sentencing young offenders.

Yours faithfully,
PETER MASON,
Lane Cottage, Amberley,
Near Stroud, Gloucestershire.
February 6.

Legal language

From Mr C. N. Beattie, QC

Sir, In my last case before the House of Lords, being sick of humility, I boldly omitted from my petitition the "humble" and "your petitioner will ever pray". The skies did not fall; the case went forward with no objections from anyone.

It seems that Mr Christopher Hart's suggestion (January 29) that the humble language is mandatory is not correct. It is in the hands of the legal profession to drop humility if it wishes to do so.

At the same time we must not lose the dignity of such legal language as upholds the majesty of the law, such as references by one counsel to another as "my learned friend".

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES BEATTIE,
27 Old Buildings,
Lincoln's Inn, WC2.
January 29.

From Mr N. R. MacNicol

Sir, The very fact that a person has to petition the House of Lords indicates that the matter has already been considered in depth by judges who have ruled that the applicant does not have the rights claimed. He can hardly be said, therefore, to be "exercising his rights" (Mr Hart's letter, January 29); rather, he is asking some of the most distinguished and powerful peers of the realm to intervene on his behalf and grant him rights which he does not possess. It is quite possible that they will refuse.

I would have thought that a modicum of servility was expedient in such cases. The archaic language serves to cloak this hard fact from the "bolshie" client, or solicitor. However, if Mr Hart is right, counsel should stop using expressions such as "May it please your Lordships" and say, "Now look here, you lot".

Yours faithfully,
N. R. MacNICOL,
9 Church Lane, Greetham,
Oakham, Leicestershire.

Tree management

From Mr Graeme H. Bell

Sir, Once again we wring our hands at the loss of so many trees following a storm. Why should we be so surprised? Many of these trees were well past maturity and should have been felled for useful timber years ago. All trees have a "best before" date and we would do well to respect that. The stately beech in the Chilterns and the leafy planes in our town streets need management, not preservation until they drop.

We selfishly protect the trees outside our own gardens, regardless of species, age, or condition, to maintain our own pleasant outlook. Instead, we should be actively encouraging felling mature trees and replanting with appropriate species. If we had followed that course 10 years ago, then our successors would have much more to thank us for and some good people who were killed by falling trees last week might still be with us.

Yours faithfully,
GRAEME BELL,
1 Dognell Green,
Welwyn Garden City,
Hertfordshire.
February 1.

From Mr G. C. Bond

Sir, January 22 was St Vincent's Day — here, at least, with clear blue, sunny skies:

Remember on St Vincent's Day,
If that the sun his beams display,
For tis a token, bright and clear,
Of prosperous weather all the year.

January 25 was the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul, with great winds and rain:

If the day of St Paul prove clear,
Then shall betied a happy year.
If it chance to snow or rain
Then shall be dear all kind of grain,
But if high winds shall be aloft,
Wars shall vex this realm full oft.
And if thick mists make dark the sky
Both beasts and fowls this year shall die.

The quotations are from the *Perpetual Almanack*, used in Elizabethan and Stuart times. Can any of your readers explain how our ancestors would have dealt with this apparent contradiction in weather forecasting when they were not able to blame the greenhouse effect?

Yours faithfully,
GEOFFREY C. BOND,
Old Forge House, Boat Lane,
Hoveringham, Nottingham.

Deaths after ambulance delays

From Mr Denis Howell, MP for Birmingham, Small Heath (Labour)

Sir, The distressing case of the death of Mr Billy Best (report, February 6) and the belief of his wife that serious delays on the part of the ambulance service in responding to repeated emergency calls were a contributory factor raise matters of great concern. These can only be pursued by means of an inquest and Mrs Best should report the matter to the appropriate coroner for investigation.

This is a subject which I have been pursuing since consultants in Birmingham stated on television about three weeks ago that they certainly knew of other cases where deaths could be attributed to a delayed response of the ambulance service. In response to my enquiries, the City of Birmingham coroner informed me that he was very mindful of those dangers and he would certainly make enquiries and, if required, conduct an inquest into the cause of such a death if matters were reported to him, but no such cases had been so reported as yet.

On January 30 the Minister of State at the Home Office, Mr Peter Lloyd, in a written response to a question which I had tabled, asking how many inquests had been held into deaths which might have been accelerated by reason of delay in response of the ambulance service or by the attendance of ambulances not carrying adequate resuscitation equipment, replied to the effect that "no information is collected centrally from which such cases could be identified".

The minister also confirmed that "there is an obligation at common law to report to the coroner any violent or unnatural death, or sudden death, the cause of which is unknown". Regrettably he went on to add that he had no evidence that this obligation is being neglected and therefore "we see no need for special steps to remind members of the public about it".

Since such statements are being made in the media with increasing frequency, one must regret that the politics of an emotional dispute seems to be clouding the judgements of ministers. It is of vital importance that where the cause of death of any citizen is other than by natural causes the facts should be reported to a coroner for proper investigation.

Yours sincerely,
DENIS HOWELL,
House of Commons.

Shades of blue

From Mr Praveen Moman

Sir, Your editorial on Conservative MEPs (January 24) disregards the legal and political reality of the Community today. It is not, as you imply, a matter of pooling sovereignty at some future date. The Treaty of Rome, the Single European Act, and the European Communities Act, together with individual legal measures, have already pooled sovereignty in a number of political and economic areas, in which Community law takes precedence over national law.

Future policy has to be based on the existing legal framework. In addition, we have to recognise the overwhelming consensus among the major political parties in other member states to further strengthen Community cooperation. The political changes in Eastern Europe have reinforced, in their view, the political role of the Community.

Too often in Britain the debate tends to concentrate on how to minimise existing Community policies; in other member states the focus is on further areas that the Community can embrace usefully to complement existing policies. Successive British MEPs and commissioners, in trying to discharge their respective roles, have had to take cognisance of both these positions.

In wishing to become effective players in the European machinery they have not, however, given up their national responsibilities. On the contrary, they have perhaps understood better than many national politicians that their country's interests can only be protected by participating in the *de facto* coalition politics of the Community.

It is ludicrous to claim that only Euro-mystics who unthinkingly accept all European initiatives wish to become MEPs. MEPs have probably as varied a background as MPs and often distinct views on different policies; nor are different selection procedures necessary. More pliant MEPs would not solve the central dilemma of having a constructive debate based on reality rather than wishful thinking and ignorance.

Yours faithfully,
PRAVEEN MOMAN,
27 Cadogan Square, SW1.

From Mr Bryan Cassidy, MEP for Dorset East & Hampshire West (European Democrat (Conservative))

Sir, Robin Oakley, your Political Editor, in his report (January 27) on the meeting between Tory MEPs and the Prime Minister appears to have made the common error of assuming that all Conservative MEPs think exactly alike. We don't, any more than all Tory MPs think alike.

It is certainly not true to give the impression that all Conservative MEPs are "federalists". Some undoubtedly are; others are very close to the views expressed by the Prime Minister in her Bruges speech.

Yours faithfully,
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Science 'brain drain'

From Dr J. Stephen Clark

Sir, Last July, in a letter addressed to the Chairman of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals, Mr Robert Jackson, the minister in charge of science, challenged British universities to provide evidence that the "brain drain" actually exists.

This week, British Scientists Abroad, an organisation formed to draw attention to the extent of the brain drain, is providing the evidence that Mr Jackson and the Government require — a petition, signed by over 1,600 scientists who are working abroad in academia or industry, that states categorically that the signatories are working overseas as a result of the poor conditions that scientists experience in Britain.

It is time Mr Jackson and the Government stopped issuing challenges and started to monitor carefully the emigration of scientists and engineers.

Yours faithfully,
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'Lost' Kipling play

From Mrs G. H. Newsom

Sir, Rudyard Kipling's one-act play, *The Harbour Watch*, cannot be said to have been lost (report, January 29). The play was never published, but the eminent bibliographer, Flora V. Livingston, has recorded that a typewritten copy of it was deposited for copyright at the Library of Congress in April, 1913, and that there was "a similar copy in the British Museum". She also says, that the play was produced at the Royalty Theatre on September 15, 1913, and again in London in 1920.

Further, there have been typescript copies of the play in the library of the Kipling Society for many years. They include the names of the cast and producer of the 1913 production.

It is doubtful that Kipling was the sole author, since his daughter, Elsie, claimed (in the epilogue to Charles Carrington's biography of Kipling) that she and her father together wrote the play. She must then have been about 16.

Yours faithfully,
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Top-up for unleaded

From Mr J. C. S. Blevins

Sir, I read with interest Kevin Eason's article (*Motoring*, January 26) and agree with his suggestion that the campaign for unleaded fuel needs a top-up.

I have been running my car on unleaded fuel for the past two years and have observed that when fuelled by super unleaded or four star the car travels approximately 20 per cent and 30 per cent respectively further than when fuelled by unleaded. This experience is at variance with your article.

If my experience is typical, as the current differential in price is approximately 5 per cent and represents a cost penalty against those using unleaded, perhaps the Government could consider adjusting the price of fuel in the Budget to reflect these facts.

If, whilst implementing this, they were to keep the price of super unleaded stationary, reduce the price of unleaded as proposed, and increase the price of four star by 5 per cent more than the adjustment required to equate the fuels, a blow could be struck for the environment and against inflation, which might provide Kevin Eason's top-up.

Yours faithfully,
J. C. S. BLEVINS,
7 Cormont Road, SE5.
January 29.

Mind over matter

From Mr D. T. Lloyd

Sir, Philip Howard's reference (January 30) to a "Fijian woman" who took 34 years to complete crossword No. 673 was not to an ethnic Fijian, but to the expatriate wife of a colonial Civil Servant stationed in Fiji at the time.

Your edition of April 4, 1932, arrived in Fiji as part of the wrapping of a parcel containing a much-loved possession which had lain in the loft of a house in Suffolk for decades. In spite of its age and rough treatment it was perfectly readable.

Crossword 673 had been partly solved by a reader on a cold, bleak, spring day in Suffolk. It was completed by her daughter and son-in-law 34 years later over a cool, pre-dinner drink on a hot, humid evening in Suva.

Incidentally, the "Fiji woman's" sister and your correspondent find *The Times* crossword a stimulating after-supper diversion — but with separate copies of the paper. As the husband of the "Fiji woman" I remain, Sir, yours truly,
D. T. LLOYD,
Cotsdale, Rags Lane, Woolpit,
Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk.

Letters to the Editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — (01)782 5046.

MPs' secretaries paid by results

From Miss Beryl M. Goldsmith

Sir, Geraldine Bedell (Friday Page, February 2) sadly omits the essence of a personal secretary's real contribution to the work of a serious member of Parliament. Because no two secretaries do precisely the same job, one inevitably speaks from personal experience. Some secretaries in the House are political assistants every bit as much as being a "secretary". They will certainly be amongst the highest paid.

A member surely rewards his staff according to the input directly relating to his own workload and the standard of efficiency with which his work is handled. Drafting replies to correspondence, researching for articles and speeches, taking initiatives at all levels, organizing the diary, handling telephone calls from often desperate constituents, knowing one's way round the local authority as well as Parliament and Whitehall are essential.

One is a loyal partner in a working relationship in both the heavily political and non-political work of an MP. Thus, not all members' secretaries and personal assistants are "poorly paid".

Three different offers of salary are reported to have been made by Simon Hughes, Chris Smith, and Ian Gilmour, but all three receive *exactly* the same parliamentary allowance and all three are equally entitled to allocate that resource as they wish.

That is, though, no basis whatsoever for seeking salary structures or scales, or for introducing pseudo-trade union negotiating techniques. Many of us would not tolerate being nannied, since we are perfectly capable of negotiating our own salaries and in dealing with our own business affairs on a one-to-one basis.

Yours faithfully,
BERYL M. GOLDSMITH,
House of Commons.
February 5.

Aggressive dogs

From Detective Chief Inspector Robert Denmark

Sir, Stressing the dangerous and aggressive nature of certain breeds of dog (letters, February 1) may actually increase their attractiveness to the type of person least suited to be in charge of them. Perhaps a Government "public safety" advertising campaign might be a good idea, pointing out that parading through areas of public recreation with a ferocious-looking animal invariably straining at the leash simply draws attention to an inadequate personality in the handler rather than compensating for it.

Times readers who resent this suggestion should perhaps examine closely their own reasons for wanting, or needing, to possess animals which many others see as threatening.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT DENMARK,
The Coach House, Greenbank,
Dolphinholme, Lancaster.

From Miss Pamela Singleton

Sir, I wholeheartedly agree with Peter Bowness (February 1) on the need to legislate for the control of Rottweiler dogs. However, there are many pitfalls in legislating against dangerous dogs in themselves, for example, evasion of injunctions against a specific breed by cross-breeding.

The way forward would seem to be the licensing of individual owners rather than the dogs themselves. This type of legislation is already established for the control of other potentially dangerous possessions such as cars, guns, knives etc. The problem is of enforcement and financing such schemes.

I remain, Sir, your humble servant,
PAMELA SINGLETON,
CitiVet (Veterinary Surgeons),
249/251 Mile End Road, E1.
February 1.

A knotty question

From Mr C. H. Rolph

Sir, People are always saying that women don't have an Adam's apple. Now Mr John Taylor, the editor of *British Style*, says it again (January 27). The tie, like the cravat, he says, "is designed to hide from public disapprobation the Adam's apple", and he adds that women escape this shameful necessity by simply not having one.

Of course they've got one. Like mine and his it's a bit of the thyroid cartilage on the larynx at the front of the neck, smaller and less conspicuous than ours (as a rule) because a woman's larynx is designed to produce a higher note, a bit more like a piccolo. It's there all the time, and it, too, goes up and down.

We've all got that guilty bit of apple. The difference was the very beginning of artfulness and feminine deceit.

Yours sincerely,
C. H. ROLPH,
33 Hitherwood,
Cranleigh, Surrey.

Point of order

From Mr David Edward

Sir, The House of Commons has been "all-seater" for some time now. To the best of my knowledge this has resulted in no improvement in crowd behaviour whatsoever.

Yours etc.,
DAVID EDWARD,
45 Montpelier Grove,
Kentish Town, NW5.
February 1.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

February 7: The Princess Royal this afternoon received the Ambassador of the Republic of Mali (His Excellency Monsieur Lamine Keita).

In the evening Her Royal Highness, Commandant-in-Chief, St John Ambulance and Nursing Cadets, gave a Reception for Grand Prior Cadets at Buckingham Palace.

The Princess Royal, Patron, College of Occupational Therapists, afterwards attended a Reception and Concert in aid of the College at the Banqueting House, Whitehall, London SW1.

Mrs Malcolm Wallace was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE

February 7: The Prince of Wales received Mr David Mellor, MP (Minister of State, Home Office) at St James's Palace.

Subsequently His Royal Highness, Chancellor, University of Wales, received the Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos at St James's Palace.

Afterwards The Prince of Wales received the Lord Callaghan of Cardiff at St James's Palace.

His Royal Highness this afternoon received Monsieur Georges Berthouin of the Trilateral Commission at St James's Palace.

The Princess of Wales, Patron, Natural History Museum, opened the Museum's Activity Centre, Cromwell Road, SW7.

Viscountess Campden and Lieutenant Commander Patrick Jephson, RN, were in attendance.

The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince's Trust, accompanied by The Princess of Wales, attended a charity premiere of the film *Steel Magnolias* in aid of the Trust at the Odeon Cinema, Leicester Square, London WC2.

Mrs Max Pike, Commander Alistair Watson, RN and Mr Richard Arbiter were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE

February 7: The Duke of Gloucester, President, British Consultants Bureau, this morning opened the Disaster Relief and Mitigation Conference at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, London, SW1.

Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE

February 7: The Duke of Kent this evening attended the annual dinner of the British Industrial Biological Research Association at the Royal College of Physicians, St Andrew's Place, London NW1.

Mr Andrew Palmer was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent, as Patron, today attended a planning meeting for the International Social Service of Great Britain's Spring Fair 1990, at Lancaster House, London SW1.

Mrs Alan Henderson was in attendance.

Dinners

HM Government
The Hon Douglas Hurd, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, and Mrs Hurd were hosts last night at a dinner given by Her Majesty's Government at 1 Carlton Gardens in honour of M René Felber, Federal Councillor for Foreign Affairs of Switzerland, and Mme Felber.

Foundation for Science and Technology
Lord Lloyd of Kilgerran, QC, Chairman of the Foundation for Science and Technology, presided at a lecture and dinner discussion held last night at the Royal Society. The Archbishop of York and Dr Anne McLaren also spoke.

Sir John Soane's Museum
Lord and Lady Blakenham gave a private dinner party at the museum on Thursday, February 1, 1990, to thank MEPC plc for their generous donation towards the restoration of the fabric of the museum which the Office of Arts and Libraries has agreed to match over the next five years.

The guests included:
The Duke of Grafton, Chairman of the Trustees, the Rt Hon Richard Luce, Minister for the Arts, and Mrs Luce, Mr and Mrs Charles Henderson, Sir Robin and Lady Butler, Sir Christopher Benson, Mr and Mrs James Tuckey, Mr Julian Harrap, Miss Susan Stamp, Mr and Mrs James Joll, Mr Colin Amery, Mr and Mrs Anthony Richardson, Mr and Mrs Julian Spicer, Mr Peter Thornton (Curator).

Bus & Coach Council
The Rt Hon Cecil Parkinson, MP, Secretary of State for Transport, was guest of honour at the Bus & Coach Council's Annual Dinner held last night at the New Connaught Rooms. Mr Parkinson proposed the health of Bus & Coach Council. The response was given by the President, Mr Alan Westwell.

Among others present were:
The Rt Hon Lord Stephens, Lord Teviot, Lord Ezra, Sir Marcus Fox, MP, Mr David Bevan, MP, Mr Simon Coombs, MP, Mr Peter Fry, MP, Mr Roy Hughes, MP, Mr Gary Waller, MP, Air Vice-Marshal R. Ashford, CBE, Maj Gen V.H.J. Carpenter, CB, and Mr J. Mervyn Pugh.

Anglo-Venezuelan Society
Mr Alastair Forsyth, Chairman of the Anglo-Venezuelan Society, and Dr Gustavo Marturet were hosts at a dinner held last night at the Savoy Hotel. The Venezuelan Ambassador, Lord Shackleton, Mr John Swinglehurst, Mr Merrick Baker-Bates and Mrs Jocelyn Henriques de King were among those present.

To Mr Trevor Luckcuck
Baroness White was host at a dinner held last night at the Royal Commonwealth Society to mark the retirement of Mr Trevor Luckcuck as Secretary and Parliamentary Adviser to the British Waterways Board.

Among those present were:
Sir Frederick Corfield, QC, Sir Trevor Hughes, Sir Frank Price, Mr Basil Bean, Mr Illtyd Harrington, Mr Garth Jenkins, QC, Dr Alan Robertson, Mr Charles Wimbrith, Mr Michael Everard, Mr John Gardiner, Mr Harry Grafton, Mr Peter Lide, Mr David McCance and Mr R H Tookey.

Inter-Parliamentary Union
Mr Michael Marshall, MP, Chairman of the British Group of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, was host at a dinner held last night at the Royal Garden Hotel in honour of a parliamentary delegation from the Soviet Union led by Mr Vadim Medvedev.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Robert Burton, scholar, Lindley, Leicestershire, 1577; Samuel Butler, poet, author of *Hudibras*, baptized at Strensham, Worcestershire, 1612; Daniel Bernoulli, mathematician, Groningen, TheNetherlands, 1700; John Ruskin, London, 1819; Henry Walter Bates, naturalist and explorer, Leicester, 1825; Jules Verne, novelist, Nantes, 1828; Dmitri Mendeleyev, chemist, Tobolsk, Russia, 1834; Martin Buber, philosopher, Vienna, 1878; Dame Edith Evans, actress, London, 1888; James Dean, film actor, Marian, Indiana, 1931.

DEATHS: Mary Queen of Scots, executed, Fotheringay Castle, Northamptonshire, 1587; Peter the Great, tsar and emperor of Russia 1682-1725, Leningrad, 1725; Aaron Hall, poet and dramatist, London, 1750; Robert Southwell Bourke, 6th Earl of Mayo, viceroy of India 1869-72, assassinated, Port Blair, Andaman Islands, 1872; R. M. Ballatyne, novelist, Rome, 1894; Peter Kropotkin, geographer and anarchist, Dmitrov, Russia, 1921; William Bateson, biologist and geneticist, Merton, Surrey, 1926.

Rioting and looting after a peaceful demonstration of the unemployed in London, 1886.

Appointments

Latest appointments include:

Professor Robin Weiss to be head of the Institute of Cancer Research's Chester Beatty Laboratories, London.

Mr John P. Wells to be a member of the Council of the Advertising Standards Authority.

Mr Michael Holroyd to be Chairman of the Stracey Trust, in succession to the late Miss Lucy Norton.

Greenacre School

Sir James Black, Nobel Laureate, Head of the Department of Analytical Pharmacology at King's College School of Medicine and Dentistry, was the guest of honour at the annual Presentation of Certificates ceremony at Greenacre School for Girls, Banstead. The subject of Sir James's address was "Women in Science". The Chairman of Governors, Professor H.J.V. Tyrrell and the Headmistress, Miss M.E. Haggerty, presided at the ceremony.

Latest wills

Rear Admiral Charles Kerr Thornycroft Wheen, of Chobham, Surrey, Flag Officer Admiralty Interview Board, left estate valued at £430,219 net.

Mrs Gillian Mangall, of Chieveley, Berkshire, left estate valued at £1,056,044 net. She left her estate mostly to relatives.

Mr Michael Anthony Usick, of London NW8, left estate valued at £1,143,088 net.

Mr Clement Arthur Holland, of Pedn Moran, St Mawes, Cornwall, left estate valued at £1,025,954 net.

Mr Patrick Hugh Bisset Taylor, of Diss, Norfolk, left estate valued at £2,237,865 net. He left his estate mostly to relatives.

Mr Edward Augustus Whittles, of London E4, left estate valued at £2,830,117 net. He left his estate mostly to relatives.

Luncheons

Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene
Dr H.E.A. Carson, Chairman of the Council of the Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene, presented Dr Ambrose J. King, consulting venereologist to the London Hospital, with the Harben Gold Medal, at a luncheon held yesterday at the Queen's Hotel, Eastbourne.

Rotary Club of London
The Hungarian Ambassador was introduced by Sir Sigmund Sternberg and inducted by Mr Alan Dunlop, President of the Rotary Club of London, as a rotarian at a luncheon held yesterday at the Café Royal. Mr David Crampsey was the guest speaker. Among others present were:
The Ambassadors of Luxembourg, Sweden and Spain, Mr Roman Hronek (Chargé d'Affaires at the Czechoslovak Embassy), Mr Andrew Murray, Mr Neville Shulman, Mr Ray Bell, Mr Brian Sowers and Mr John Gray.

Reception

College of Occupational Therapists
The Princess Royal, Patron of the College of Occupational Therapists, was the guest of honour at an evening reception and concert held last night at the Banqueting House, Whitehall, in aid of the college's Disability Information and Study Centre Appeal. Lord Ennals, president, was among those present.

Sir Antony Part

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Antony Part, GCB, MBE, will be held at noon, on Thursday, February 22, 1990, in St Margaret's Church, Westminster.

OBITUARIES

PROFESSOR COLIN ADAMS

Increasing our understanding of multiple sclerosis

Professor Colin Adams, the experimental pathologist, died at his home in Tiptree, Essex, on January 30, aged 61. He was, until his retirement 18 months ago, Sir William Dunn Professor of Pathology at the United Medical Schools of Guy's and St Thomas's Hospitals.

Adams was responsible for developing a number of important methods for identifying lipids in tissues and was a pioneer in the application of histochemical techniques to the study of arterial and nervous diseases, making notable contributions to our understanding of atheroma (fatty degeneration of the walls of large arteries) and of multiple sclerosis.

Colin Wallace Maitland Adams was born on February 17, 1928, the son of an architect. He was educated at Oundle and Christ's College, Cambridge, graduating in medicine at The London Hospital in 1956. He was appointed to a research fellowship in pathology in 1956, like many others of his generation coming under the influence of the formidable Dorothy Russell. He began his research career working on the endocrine system, publishing papers on the identification of cell types in the pituitary gland using histochemical methods.

He moved on to the pathology department at Guy's Hospital Medical School in 1958 as a Lecturer and was appointed Reader in 1963. At Guy's he established a laboratory devoted to the study of the histochemistry of lipids in the blood vessels and the brain.

He engaged in a series of investigations on the pathogenesis of atheroma, studying the way in which cholesterol and other blood components diffused into and accumulated in the arterial wall causing tissue damage. He published an influential book on vascular histochemistry and was for many years the editor of the journal, *Atherosclerosis*, and a council member of the International Atherosclerosis Society.

He also made significant contributions to neuropathology, devising methods for identifying and localizing cerebral lipids and investigating the breakdown of the myelin sheath in multiple sclerosis.

After a spell in the United States as a visiting research worker at the National Institute of Health, Bethesda, he returned to London and in 1965 was appointed to the Chair of Pathology at Guy's Hospital Medical School.

Following on the pattern established by his predecessor, Payling Wright, he continued the strong departmental emphasis on experimental pathology. He reorganized the teaching of pathology at Guy's and when the School merged with St Thomas's in the United Medical and Dental Schools, he played a leading role in planning the new unified department and curriculum.

Taking early retirement in 1987 he continued his research into the pathology of multiple sclerosis at Runwell Hospital, investigating the hypothesis that the disease is initiated by damage to the small vessels of the white matter. His most recent publication was a finely illustrated atlas of the demyelinating diseases.

Outside medicine, Adams was an expert on porcelain and had the knack of spotting a Ming vase in the most unlikely places. Where porcelain was damaged, his repair was of professional standard.

DON WELSH

England footballer who managed Liverpool

Don Welsh, the Charlton and England midfield player, who for a time was manager of Liverpool, died on February 2, aged 78.

Born in Manchester on February 25, 1911, Welsh began his football career with Torquay United before becoming Charlton's record pre-war signing for £3,250 early in 1935 to help maintain the club's challenge for promotion from the Third Division (South).

His arrival coincided with the most successful spell in the club's history. The Third Division was duly won, and a year later Charlton were promoted to the First Division, finishing second in their first season.

Welsh's contribution as a forceful wing-half with an eye for goals, attracted the attention of the England selectors. He won three caps, the last against Romania, and several selections as a reserve, before war broke out and in the days before substitutes. He made several appearances in wartime internationals.

He returned to Charlton after serving in the Army, moving forward to inside left and captaining the team which won the cup in 1947, their second successive final.

The following season he was offered the manager's job by Brighton, and Charlton released him.

During the war Welsh had made a number of guest appearances for Liverpool and in 1951 he was invited to take over there as manager. The appointment was not a success. The excellent 'Forties team were growing old together and for a time had been run by the directors. Liverpool were entering the least successful spell in their history.

Welsh was unable to stop the rot. Liverpool were relegated to the Second Division in 1954. Welsh remained as manager for two more seasons, but when it became apparent that the promotion bid had faltered again in 1956, he resigned.

At the end of the 'Fifties he managed Bournemouth for three years.

ALEX RUSSELL

Successful northern jockey

Alex ("Alec") Russell, one of the most popular northern jockeys of the post-war era on the Flat has died aged 71.

The highlight of his career, which lasted nearly 40 years, occurred in 1957 when he rode all six winners on the card at the now-closed Scottish course at Bogside.

In that same season, the best horse he ever rode, the grey, Quorum, finished second in the Two Thousand Guineas, losing by only half a length to the subsequent champion, Crepello. Russell, on his first-ever ride at Newmarket, also triumphed on this first-rate miler in the Free Handicap, as well as in the Jersey Stakes at Royal Ascot, and the Sussex Stakes at Goodwood.

Alexander John Russell was born in Middlesbrough on March 27, 1918. He had an unusual apprenticeship, going to France to J. Torterolo at Lamorlaye, and rode his first winner at Le Tremblay in 1935. During the war he served in the RAF.

Following demobilization, he rode for two more seasons in France before he returned to England and established his reputation in the North and in Scotland.

Russell became first jockey to Colonel Lyde at Middleham, and on Lyde's retirement, to Jack Ormston at Richmond, Yorkshire. He was, however, much sought after by other Northern trainers, partly because he could ride consistently at just under eight stone, but also for his unobtrusively stylish horsemanship and particularly sensitive handling of two-year-olds. His best season was in 1957 when he rode 60 winners.

He leaves a widow, Joan, and three sons.

LIEUT-COL GEOFFREY WHEELER

Shrewd reader of the Soviet Central Asian scene

Lieutenant-Colonel Geoffrey Wheeler, CBE, CIE, who died on February 1 at the age of 92, was an authority on the recent history and condition of the five republics of Soviet Central Asia and an intelligence officer of distinction.

It was in 1953 that Wheeler founded the Central Asian Research Centre, which he directed until 1968, and also started up and edited the *Central Asian Review*. His aim with the Centre, which was concerned with the south-western Muslim borderlands of the USSR, was to examine the Soviet press on the region systematically for the first time and, without resorting to any clandestine sources, to show how much reliable information could be obtained in this way. He was remarkably successful.

This work was associated with St Antony's College, Oxford, which made him a Senior Associate. He also collaborated with the University of Durham, which in 1955 gave him an honorary MA degree.

In his work Wheeler set a new and very high standard of objectivity in the assessment of Soviet achievements. Himself a master of both, he never allowed intelligence to be contaminated by propaganda. Much as he disliked the Soviet regime, he did not forget that the authorities in Moscow had only limited options in confronting intractable problems. He regularly acknowledged that some real benefits had accrued to the peoples of Central Asia under Soviet rule.

Geoffrey Edleston Wheeler was born on June 22, 1897, the son of an infantry officer. He was educated at Eastbourne College and was commissioned in the Queens West Surrey Regiment in 1915. He saw 18 months' active service in France and Belgium and was severely wounded.

In 1918 he was transferred to the Indian Army. He was to spend only about four years with Indian troops, first with the 6th Gurkha Rifles, later with the 7th Rajput Regiment; most of his army career was passed in specialized staff appointments.

From 1919 to 1925 he held General Staff (Intelligence) posts in Turkey, Malta and Palestine.

In 1926 he became military attache at Mashhad in Iran, a post of great sensitivity because of the confused political situation in Soviet Central Asia. He returned to India in 1931 and served in Baluchistan and in the United Provinces until 1935, when he was again posted to General Staff (Intelligence) at Army Headquarters.

In 1940 Wheeler was seconded to the External Affairs Department of the then Government of India where he organized and directed a foreign propaganda division of considerable efficacy.

In 1946 the Foreign Office asked for his services at the embassy in Tehran, where he was in succession Press Counsellor and Oriental Counsellor. In 1950 he returned to England and spent three years working for the Foreign Office.

Wheeler was author of three books, *Racial Problems in Soviet Muslim Asia* (1962), *The Modern History of Soviet Central Asia* (1964), and *The Peoples of Soviet Central Asia* (1966).

In 1923 he joined what was then the Royal Central Asian Society (now the Royal Society for Asian Affairs). He served on the editorial board of its journal — to which he often contributed articles and reviews — and in 1967 the Society awarded him the Sir Percy Sykes Medal.

Wheeler was a remarkable linguist. He had qualified as a first-class interpreter in French, Russian, Turkish, Persian, Urdu and Hindi, and also had a qualification in Greek.

Tolerance was not his greatest quality. But he was always helpful to his colleagues, outspoken to his superiors, and considerate and loyal to his staff.

Well read in history and several literatures, fond of music, appreciative of food and drink, he was excellent company. His conversation was enlivened by a huge repertoire of anecdotes of bureaucratic idiocy, which he would retell with sardonic relish.

In his old age Wheeler still followed developments in the Central Asian region with fascination and commented on them with unrivalled knowledge and acumen. It is sad that Wheeler's unique expertise should be lost when it would have been more valuable than ever.

He was appointed CIE in 1943 and CBE in 1948.

In 1927 he married Irena Bulatova, who died in 1973, and is survived by one son, Colonel Nicholas Wheeler.

AIR CDRE RICHARD KELLETT

Air Vice-Marshal G. P. Chamberlain writes:

Congratulations on the obituary (January 20) on the above. I knew him well as we entered Cranwell as Flight Cadets in September 1923 and graduated with Wings as Pilot Officers in July 1925.

May I offer one correction to the obituary? When Richard Kellett was shot down in 1937 for his first time he had been detailed to fly with no one in the rear seat of his DH9A; his role was "rescue aircraft" — he was expected to pick up any crew shot down. Ironically RK was the one shot down by gunfire from ground-based Iraqi "rebels".

RK's Flight Commander, Fergus Barratt, landed on the desert to pick up RK.

The Iraqis discovered they could approach Barratt's DH9A from its nose without being fired at. Barratt's air gunner held them off while RK hoisted its tail around.

Barratt re-started his DH9A and took off with his air gunner and RK in the back seat.

In due course Barratt received a DSO for this effort.

Correction

John Merivale appeared in *The Reluctant Debutante* in 1955 not 1935, as stated in the caption to our photograph yesterday.

Birthdays today

Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra, CH, first Prime Minister of Malaysia, 87; Lord Cameron, 90; Professor Averil Cameron, ancient historian, 50; Mr Osian Ellis, harpist, 62; Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Martin Gilliat, royal equerry, 77; Marshal of the RAF Sir John Grandy, 77; Mr Harman Grisewood, former chief assistant to the director-general, BBC, 84; Admiral of the Fleet Lord Hill-Norton, 75.

Lady (Geoffrey) Howe, former deputy chairman, Equal Opportunities Commission, 58; Lord Jakobovits, Chief Rabbi, 69; Mrs Diana Ladas, former headmistress of Heathfield School, 77; Professor Ann Lambton, former professor of Persian, 78; Mr Murray Lawrence, chairman, Lloyd's, 55; Mr Jack Lemmon, actor, 65; Sir Kenneth Maddocks, former governor, Fiji, 83; Lord O'Brien of Lothbury, 82; Lord Rayne, 72; Lord Revelstoke, 79; Sir Richard Southern, former president, St John's College, Oxford, 78; the Rev Dr John Tudor, superintendent minister, Westminster Central Hall, 60.

Today's royal engagements

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother and The Princess Royal will attend a reception at St James's Palace at 7.00 to mark the 150th anniversary of the Grand Military Race Committee.

The Princess of Wales, as Patron of Turning Point, will visit the charity's Hungerford Drug Project at 32a Wardour Street at 10.15.

The Princess Royal, as President of the British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, will visit UBU Hats, 52e Belsize Park Gardens, NW3, at 9.45; IFM Hexfax, 30 Liddell Road, NW6, at 2.15; and M. Waldman, Hampstead West, 224 Iverson Road, NW6, at 3.15. Later, as Commandant-in-Chief of the St John Ambulance and Nursing Cadets, will attend the annual banquet of the Anglo Mauritian Association at Guildhall at 7.45.

Prince Michael of Kent, as President of the Kennel Club, will attend Cruft's at Earl's Court at 11.00.

University news

Oxford
Elections
ALL SOULS COLLEGE
Post-doctoral research fellowships from October 1: Simon Charles Robert Swain, MA, DPhil (Pembroke and Wolfson) and Marcus Peter Francis du Sautoy, MA, DPhil (Wadham and Queen Mary, London).

Glasgow
In the months September to December, research grants and contracts totalling nearly £15 million - half as much again as compared with the same period last year - were reported to the University Court. Major grants include:

Agricultural & Food Research Council:
£92,236 to Professor R.J. Cogdell (Botany) & Dr C.N. Hunter (Sheffield University) for a molecular and biochemical investigation of carotenoid biosynthesis; £117,630 to Dr G.I. Jenkins (Biochemistry & Botany) to study the isolation and characterisation of photoregulatory signal transduction mutants in *Arabidopsis*; £113,000 to Dr D.J. Taylor (Veterinary Pathology) for the protection of chicks from salmonella infection and colonisation by egg-transmitted immunity.

Cancer Research Campaign:
£97,181 to Professor S.B. Kaye (Medical Oncology) for the clinical trials unit, £216,146 to Professor Kaye to study pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic aspects of cytotoxic drugs; £146,880 to Professor W.F.H. Jarrett (Veterinary Pathologh) & Dr M.S. Campo (Beatson Institute) for research into prophylactic and therapeutic vaccination against papillomavirus infection.

Commission of the European Communities:
£138,450 to Professor R.O. Owens (Physics & Astronomy) for development of a high performance time-of-flight spectrometer for photodisintegration studies using tagged photons; £266,817 to Professor J. Shepherd (Pathological Biochemistry, Royal Infirmary) to study the importance and interaction of genetic and environmental factors in the development of atherosclerosis; £150,000 to Professor M.P. Atkinson (Computing Science) for an investigation of a formally integrated data environment; £726,000 to Professor R.J.M. Hughes & Dr P. Wadler (Computer Science) and colleagues in London, Paris and Copenhagen to study semantics-based program manipulation techniques; £191,000 to Dr S.P. Beaumont (Electronics & Electrical Engineering) for an investigation of nanostructures for semiconductor devices.

Economic & Social Research Council:
£164,960 to Dr S. Damer (Centre for Housing Research) for a social history of Glasgow Council Housing 1919-1956.

Leukaemia Research Fund:
£127,336 to Professor D. Jarrett (Veterinary Pathology) to study the immunological control of feline leukaemia virus infection.

Medical Research Council:
£297,344 to Drs N. McKeganey (Social Paediatric & Obstetric Research Unit) and Dr D.J. Goldberg & Dr S.T. Green (Communicable Diseases Unit) & Dr M.J. Bloor (MRC Medical Sociology Unit) to study HIV infection and HIV-related risk behaviour among injecting drug users in Glasgow; £129,924 to Professor R.W. Davies (Genetics/Biotechnology) to study the genes of dopaminergic neurones.

Merck, Sharp & Dohme:
£180,000 to Drs R.I. Russell & R.D. Sturrock (Medicine Royal Infirmary) for studies on the natural history, pathogenesis and treatment of peptic ulcer in rheumatoid arthritis.

Ministry of Defence:
£110,770 to Dr J.M. Arnold (Electronics & Electrical Engineering) & Dr C.J. Athorne (Mathematics) for improvements to physical optics.

Overseas Development Natural Resources Institute:
£333,600 to Professors G.M. Urquhart & J. Duncan (Veterinary Parasitology) & Professor M. Murray (Veterinary Medicine) for the helminthology research project.

Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club:
£97,000 to Drs H.V. Elder (Physiology) & D.M. Jenkinson (Moredun Research Institute) to study mechanisms of fluid and electrolyte transport in normal and anhidrotic equine sweat glands.

Joseph Rowntree Memorial Trust:
£121,106 to Mr A. MacGregor & Ms M. Munro (Centre for Housing Research) to study housing and labour mobility.

Science & Engineering Resarch Council:
£661,408 to Dr S.P. Beaumont & Professor C.D. Wilkinson (Electronics & Electrical Engineering) for the assessment and fabrication of equipment for nanoelectronic devices and relevant processes; £227,570 to Dr P.J. Wadler (Computing Science) for a grasp infrastructure project; £132,368 to Dr M. Thomas (Computing Science) to study the verification techniques for Iotos specifications; £879,944 to Professor R.O. Owens (Physics & Astronomy) for the Glasgow University nuclear physics research programme; £99,600 to Professor P.J. Gawthrop, Dr A.R. Whittaker & Mr J. Howell (Mechanical Engineering) to study meta modelling of robots; £100,969 to Dr J.A. Davies (Genetics) to investigate a screen for genes involved in axonal pathfinding and connectivity in *Drosophila melanogaster*; £91,802 to Dr R. Paterson (Chemistry) to study sorption and transport in ceramic membranes; £151,176 to Professors C.D.W. Wilkinson & S.P. Beaumont & Dr J. Davies (Electronics & Electrical Engineering) to study silicon quantum devices and nanostructures; £277,100 to Drs J.R. Fryer & T. Baird (Chemistry) for high resolution microscopy and analysis.

Scotia Pharmaceuticals Ltd:
£142,231 to Dr G.A. Jamal (Neurology) for a diabetic neuropathy study.

Scottish Home & Health Department:
£100,518 to Dr F.A. Boddy & Mr D.A. Waugh (Social Paediatric and Obstetric Research Unit) to study services for families with children with a motor impairment.

Shell Research (UK) Ltd:
£90,000 to Drs C.T. Wheeler, J.J. Milner & C.T. Brett & Professor R.J. Cogdell (Botany) to study the regulation of root nodulation by *Frankia*.

Wellcome Trust:
£130,314 to Professors F.O. Jarrett & W.F.J. Jarrett (Veterinary Pathology) & M. Murray (Veterinary Medicine) the study of pathogenesis of feline immuno-deficiency virus infection; £102,308 to Dr J.D Barry (Genetics) for genotypic and phenotypic analysis of parasite life cycles.

Aberdeen
The honorary degree of DLitt is to be conferred on Liz Lochead, writer-in-residence with the Royal Shakespeare Company, in July.

London
Dr Tim Shallice, of the Medical Research Council applied psychology unit at Cambridge, has been appointed to the chair of psychology at University College London from October 1.

Birmingham
The following will receive honorary degrees this summer:
Professor Gerry Brown, Professor of Theoretical Physics at the State University of New York (DSc); Mr Tony Gill, Chairman and Chief Executive of Lucas Industries (DEng); Lord MacKay of Clashfern, Lord Chancellor (LLD); Dr Patrick Moore, astronomer (DSc); Mr Didymus Mutasa, Speaker of the Zimbabwe House of Assembly (LLD); Professor Michael Rutter, Professor of Child Psychiatry at London University's Institute of Psychiatry (DSc); Mr Duncan Watson, Chairman of the Royal National Institute for the Blind, (LLD); Dame Rachel Waterhouse, Chairman of the Council of the Consumers' Association, (DSocSc).

Essex
Honorary degrees are to be conferred on the following:
The Gabrieli String Quartet, Professor Anthony Brooker, professor emeritus of computing science; Professot Donald Davie, former professor of literature; Professor Peter Townsend, professor of sociology, Bristol University; Sir Andrew Lewis, Lord Lieutenant of Essex; Sir Andrew Stark, pro-chancellor; Mr Brian Hanrahan, BBC reporter; Miss Ruth Rendell, author; and Professor Alasdair MacIntyre, McMahon Hank professor of philosophy at the University of Notre Dame, Indiana, US.

Dr Patrick Moore: Birmingham honour.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.A.C. Drake and Miss L.M. Kennard
The engagement is announced between John, son of Sir Eric and Lady Drake, of The Old Rectory, Cheriton, Alresford, Hampshire, and Lucia, daughter of the late Major David Kennard and of Mrs David Kennard, of Chilfrome House, Dorchester, Dorset.

M B.E. Beauvais and Miss K.E.S. Robertson
The engagement is announced between Bruno, only son of M and Mme Michel Beauvais, of Sallanches, Chamonix, France, and Kate, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Robertson, of The Manor House, Weston Underwood, Buckinghamshire.

Mr J.P. Bullock Miss S.J. Harling
The engagement is announced between Jonathan Patrick, son of Dr and Mrs A.E. Bullock, of Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, and Susan Juliet, only daughter of Mr and Mrs F. Harling, of Little Chalfont, Buckinghamshire.

Mr J.S.P. Coningham-Rolls and Dr S.H.J. Whitehead
The engagement is announced between John Simon Peter, son of Mr and Mrs R.C. Rolls, of Petworth, West Sussex, and Sarah Henrietta Jane, daughter of Dr and Mrs R.T. Whitehead, of Westfield, New Jersey, USA.

Mr S.P. Hawkins and Miss M.J. Lynch
The engagement is announced between Stephen, elder son of Mr and Mrs Peter Hawkins, of Peterborough, and Melanie, younger daughter of Major and Mrs James Lynch, of Exmouth, Devon.

Mr R.D. Hawtin and Miss E. Davies
The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of Mr and Mrs B. Hawtin, of Wheatley, Oxford, and Elizabeth, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs B. Davies, of Coffs Harbour, NSW, Australia.

Mr M.F. Morin and Miss E. Labesse
The engagement is announced between Marcel, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Denis Morin, of St Clement, Jersey, and Elizabeth, daughter of Advocate Jacques Labesse and the late Mrs Margaret Labesse, of St Lawrence, Jersey.

Mr J.E. Wilson and Miss H.C. Boyle
The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs Fred Wilson, of Helensburgh, NSW, Australia, and Helen, daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Boyle, of London.

Dulwich College

A new register of names and addresses of Old Alleynians is being compiled. Former members of the College who are not receiving communications from the College are invited to write to the Secretary of the Alleyn Club at the College giving their full names and address and their years at the College for inclusion in this register.

Haileybury Junior School, Windsor

A society has recently been formed for Old Boys of the school. For further information please contact Mr M.D. Collins, Haileybury Junior School, Windsor, Berkshire, SL4 3RS.

Memorial service

Mr Bernard Stroulger
A memorial service for Mr Bernard Stroulger was held yesterday at the Church of St Margaret Pattens, Eastcheap. The Rev Dr Gordon Huelin officiated. Mr D.J. Farrier, Clerk of the Basketmakers' Company, read the lesson and Mr C.E. Hipkins gave an address. The Prime Warden and Court of Assistants of the Basketmakers' Company were among those present.

The science report appears in the new science and technology section, pages 33-36.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

The wise leaders will shine with all the brightness of the sky. And those who have taught many people to do what is right will shine like the stars for ever.
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BIRTHS

BOBROFF - On February 4th, at The Portland Hospital, to Amanda and Alan Bobroff, a daughter, Katie Lauren.

BREMNER - On February 6th 1990, to Frances (née Johnson) and David, a son, Samuel Arthur, a brother to Jennifer, Clare and Richard.

BREWSTER - On February 5th, to John and Gill (née Graham-Wood), a son, Harry David. A brother for Jack.

CELSO - On February 4th 1990, at Chase Farm Hospital, to Elizabeth and Rafael, a daughter, Victoria Rose Elizabeth Louise, a healthy 10lb.

CHAYKO - On Wednesday February 7th, at The Royal North Shore Hospital, Sydney, Australia, to Nicole and Chris, a daughter, Annie Eliza. A brother for Nicholas Windsor.

DAWES - On Wednesday February 7th, to Tricia (née Dodwell) and John, a daughter, Sophie Elizabeth, a sister for Anthony and Emma.

FARMER - On February 7th, at the Nissdell Hospital, Tokyo, to Helen (née Footer) and Peter, a son, John William Ramadell (Jack). A first grandchild for Ken and Adrianne Footer of Bolton, Lancs., and for Gerald and Susan Farmer of Del Mar, California, and a first great-grandchild for Betty Perry of New Castle, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

FRASER - On February 6th 1990, to Katie (née Wootten) and John, a son, Harry, a brother for Andrew.

GOULSTON - On February 6th 1990, at Queen Charlotte's, to John and Lucy (née Mann), a son, Thomas Luke, another brother for Laura, Gremberg (and always Christopher and Matthew).

GRAY - On February 7th, to Mary Ann (née Gregan) and David Howarth, a son, Jonathan James.

INGRAM - On February 5th, to Sarah (née King) and Duncan, a daughter, Helen Isabel Margaret.

LOAKE - On February 3rd, in Oxford, to Heather (née Lumsden) and Jonathan, a son, Thomas John William.

MELVIN - On February 6th, to Cathy and Clifton, in Madrid, Ana Charlotte, a sister for Simon.

MITCHARD - On February 5th 1990, to Helen and James, a son, Tristan Oliver Quentin, a brother for Edward.

PAGE - On January 27th 1990, to Gloria and Nicholas, at St. Thomas' Hospital, a daughter, Charlotte Rose Goodwin, a sister for Olivia.

RAMSDEN - On February 5th, to Jane and Tom, a son, a brother for Mary, James and Matthew.

REBUCK - On February 6th, at The Portland Hospital, to Alison (née Green) and Craig, a daughter, Lucy Geraldine.

ROGERS - On Friday February 2nd, to Caroline (née Tester) and David, a son, Luke Graham Emerson.

WILKINSON - On February 4th, in Cambridge, to Angie and Rory, a daughter.

WURM - On February 3rd, in Adelaide, to Jeremy and Meredith (née Hinde), a son, Oliver Guy Sinclair.

DEATHS

ACTON - On February 5th, peacefully at home, Ruth Margaret, in her 96th year. Widow of Lt. Col. E.L.L. Acton M.C., beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral at Guildford Crematorium on Tuesday February 13th at 2.30 pm. Donations in lieu of flowers to The Lord Roberts Memorial Workshops and The Red Cross.

ALLUM - On February 3rd 1990, suddenly at his home in Sussex, Roland George, aged 77 years, beloved husband of Olive, loving father of Valerie and Terry and grandfather to Nicola, Katie and Robbie. Prior to his retirement Mr. Allum was a Director of W.S. Shuttleworth (Rowntree Mackintosh Plc) where he worked for 43 years. He will be sadly missed by all who loved and knew him. Service at Worthing Crematorium today, Thursday February 8th at 3 pm. Flowers to H.D. Tribe Ltd., 130 Broadwater Road, Worthing. (0903) 34516.

BAGWELL-PUREFOY - On February 5th, peacefully at his home in Weybridge, Edward, much loved father of Richard, Michael and Joanna. Funeral 2 pm on Tuesday February 13th at St James' Church, Weybridge, followed by private interment. Family flowers only, donations to British Heart Foundation.

BLAKE - On February 6th, peacefully, Phebe Ridgway, widow of Charles Blake and much loved sister of Mary and Binn. Funeral Service at Portchester Crematorium on Wednesday February 14th, 2.30 pm.

CHRISTOPHERSON - On February 6th 1990, peacefully in hospital, Stanley Douglas Christopherson D.S.O., M.C. and Bar Dispatches T.D., United States Silver Star Medal. Beloved husband of Cynthia and devoted and very proud father of Sarah Jane and David, also loving stepfather of Carol-Ann Smith-Dorrien. Funeral Service private. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to The Rheumatoid Arthritis Research Society, c/o F.C. Wood Funeral Directors, 21 Tufton Street, Ashford, Kent. Memorial Service at Wye Parish Church, date to be announced.

CLARKE - On February 6th, Molly (Dorothy Mary), peacefully in Minehead Hospital after a short illness, widow of Dick, much loved mother of Michael, Nicholas and Veronica, grandmother to seven. Funeral to be held Tuesday February 13th at Selworthy 11 am. Family flowers only, donations to UNICEF, c/o Murrell and Dewar Funeral Directors, Minehead.

DAVIES - On February 5th, peacefully after a long illness, in hospital in Hampshire, Jill, aged 67 years, much loved widow of Ron and loving mother of John, Andrew and Philip, former Nursing Sister. Funeral Service on Tuesday February 13th at St Boniface Church, Chandlers Ford, Hants, at 2.15 pm, followed by cremation. Family flowers only, donations to the British Lung Foundation, c/o Jno. Steel & Son Ltd., 163 Hursley Road, Chandlers Ford, Hants.

DE LUCA - On February 3rd, in Udine, Italy, Don Ascanio 'Aurelio' of the Osoppo Division 1943-1945. A great patriot and dear friend. Mande.

EARLE - On February 5th, peacefully at Grosvenor House Nursing Home, Harrogate, Elizabeth, dearly loved and loving wife of the late Lt. Col. P.H. Earle, 5th Fusiliers, and mother of Jane and Richard. Funeral at Bishop Monkton Parish Church 2.30 pm Monday February 12th.

EVANS - On February 5th 1990, suddenly in hospital, Walter Evan, aged 78, late of Colonial Audit Service, of Dorothy Curtice Court Residential Home, Copford, near Colchester. Loved and loving husband of Cecily. Funeral Service on Tuesday February 13th at Copford Parish Church at 3 pm. Flowers if desired to W.H. Shephard Funeral Directors, 93-94 High St., Colchester.

FIELDEN - On February 6th, Margaret, of Colchester.

HANSON - On February 5th 1990, peacefully at home, in his 90th year, William Gordon, beloved husband of Dulce, father of Richard, Jonathan and Anthony and grandfather of Arabella, Georgina, James and Christopher. Requiem Mass at Our Lady of Ransom, Grange Road, Eastbourne, on Thursday February 15th at 2 pm, followed by interment in Langney Cemetery. No flowers by request, but if desired donations may be made in her memory to The Arthritis and Rheumatism Council or National Osteoporosis Society.

JOHNSON - On February 6th, suddenly at home, Donald Frazer Johnson, aged 66 years. Much loved father of Claire and Christopher, grandfather to Jonathan, Allan, Julia and Michael. Service at Croydon Crematorium on Monday February 12th at 2 pm. Flowers may be sent to J.B. Shakespeare Ltd., 67 George Street, Croydon.

JARRETT - On February 5th 1990, peacefully at Worthing Hospital after a very short illness, Ethel Mary, aged 88, loved mother of Tony and grandmother of Lianne and Naomi. Service at Worthing Crematorium on Tuesday February 13th at 3.30 pm. Flowers or donations for Worthing Hospital c/o H.D. Tribe Ltd., 130 Broadwater Road, Worthing, West Sussex.

JENKINS - On February 2nd 1990, suddenly at Kingston, Henry (Geoffrey), aged 83 years. Much loved brother of Michael. Memorial Service on Wednesday February 14th at St Mary's Church, Teddington. Funeral Service to take place in Argyll. No flowers. Donations to Church of England Children's Society, c/o F.W. Paine, 102 High Street, Teddington, Middlesex.

LAMBERT - On February 7th 1990, peacefully at home, aged 84, Helena Mary (née Ellison), wife of the late Archdeacon C.E. Lambert, dearest mother of John, Michael and Mary and grandmother of Charles, Benjamin and Paul. Funeral at St George's Church, Campden Hill, Kensington, at 11.30 on Monday February 12th.

LYNDON-SMITH - On February 6th 1990, Winifred Mary (Freda), peacefully at Aldbourne Nursing Home, Marlborough. Widow of the late Edward Lyndon-Smith (Lyn) of Ramsbury. Much loved and admired by family and friends. Service at St Mary's Church, Marlborough, at 2 pm on Thursday February 15th, followed by cremation at Swindon. Flowers to T. Free & Sons, The Parade, Marlborough, Wilts., or donations to The League of Friends, Savernake Hospital, Marlborough.

MacADIE - On January 31st 1990, Hugh David. Funeral Service at Eastbourne Crematorium on Thursday February 15th at 10.30 am. Flowers and enquiries c/o Seaford & Newhaven Funeral Service, tel: (0323) 893889.

MALLETT - On February 6th, peacefully in Hazel Bank Retirement Home, Esther Wynn Mary, aged 78, of Gamlesby, Cumbria, and formerly of Seaford and Bristol. Dearly loved wife of Edward. Service at St John's, Gamlesby, 11.30 am on Tuesday February 13th. Flowers or, if desired donations to The Chest, Heart & Stroke Association, to John Richardson & Son, Roper Street, Penrith.

MAYER-LISMANN - On February 6th, peacefully at the Royal Marsden Hospital, Else Mitta Mayer-Lismann M.B.E. Cremation private. No flowers, but donations to Mayer-Lismann Opera Workshop, 61 Kings Court North, Kings Road, SW3 5EQ. Memorial Service to be announced.

OVERTON - On February 6th 1990, aged 84 years, Alfred Sidney (Jim). Retired Sales Representative, late of Croydon. Funeral Service and cremation at Loughborough Crematorium on Monday February 12th at 11 am.

PARKER - On February 3rd, at Blackheath Hospital, Frederick Clarence, aged 69 years. Sadly missed by his family and friends. Funeral Service at Falconwood Crematorium on Wednesday February 14th at 2.45 pm.

SULLIVAN - On Tuesday February 6th, in St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, Kim, aged 40 years. Dearest husband of Asa, father of Malin and beloved son of Mr & Mrs J.P. Sullivan. Funeral Service at Mortlake Crematorium on Monday February 12th at 3 pm. No flowers please, but donations to Friends of St Mary's (for I.C.U.) Acrow Buildings, St Mary's Hospital, Praed Street, W2 1NY, would be appreciated.

WEBB - On February 6th 1990, peacefully in a Brighton nursing home, The Rev. Charles John Webb, formerly of St Leonards-on-Sea. Funeral Service at West Norwood Cemetery on Tuesday February 13th at 2 pm. No flowers by request, but if desired donations for the R.S.P.B. or Bible Society may be sent to S.E. Skinner & Sons, 145 Lewes Road, Brighton, tel: (0273) 607446.

IN MEMORIAM – PRIVATE

KNOWLING - In ever-loving memory of Ellen, wife of the Rev. Dr. Knowling, Canon of Durham. February 8th 1914.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

BARKE - The family of the late James Allen Barke would like to thank everyone who attended the funeral, for the floral tributes and donations made to the Asthma Research Council.

THE Family of the late Mervyn Bernard Murphy wish to thank everyone for their kindness, unfailing support, flowers, donations and messages of sympathy received during the illness and death of a most dearly loved husband, father, brother and friend. Very special thanks to the community nurses and GP's in Danbury, colleagues and customers at Lloyds Bank, Dunmow and all the staff at the London Independant Hospital.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BAXTER - Alexander Morrison (Sandy) formerly of the Landway, Keyworth, Sevenoaks. Mrs Lee - hela Ting, friend and colleague 1949-51, now living in the United States, wishes to contact you urgently. Any information about Mr Baxter from his family/ friends will be much appreciated. Reply to BOX C90

COMPTON COLLIER - Dorothy previously resident at 103 West End Lane, Hampstead. Anyone knowing the Copyright holder of this photographer's work please reply to BOX B89

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Ageing man or Superman?

Do men suffer a 'male menopause' and is hormone replacement therapy the answer? Liz Hodgkinson reports

Hormone replacement therapy for women has become an accepted, if still controversial, medical treatment. But what about HRT for men? Medical orthodoxy has maintained that there is no such thing as a male menopause, and nothing in male physiology to compare with the sudden shutting down of hormonal production in women. Men can produce enough male hormone to father children into extreme old age, whereas women end their child-bearing years at around 50.

But Dr Malcolm Carruthers, who has become well known for his view that vasectomy causes ageing and that stress is the main cause of heart disease, disagrees with the orthodox viewpoint. He believes there is evidence that men have a "viropause" corresponding to the female menopause, and that lack of hormonal production in men can produce exactly the same symptoms that women suffer – night sweats, hot flushes, depression, lack of drive (including sex drive), circulatory problems and a feeling of being "over the hill".

And just as female hormone replacement can help many women over the menopause, male hormone replacement can help men cope with the physical, mental and emotional problems of mid-life, according to Carruthers.

This week he opened Britain's first private HRT clinic for men. It treats tired, depressed, middle-aged men with the male hormone, testosterone. The idea is to restore the drive and ambition that life seems to have knocked out of them.

In particular, Carruthers says, testosterone can improve blood circulation and, to some extent, halt the ageing process, enabling men to stay young, virile and active for longer. "It is a controversial area," Carruthers says, "but there is research, published in the *Journal of the American Geriatrics Soceity*, which indicates that lack of testosterone could be a contributory factor in heart and circulatory problems."

Carruthers's interest in male HRT began about 12 years ago when he met Jens Moller, a Danish doctor, who claimed that in his clinic he was achieving remarkable results by administering testosterone to men with severe diseases of the leg arteries. In some cases, the treatment had even reversed gangrene.

"I went over to see him," Carruthers says, "and learnt that Moller believed stress was a factor in all circulatory diseases. His belief was that extra doses of male hormone could overcome this to some extent, and slow down the ageing process. And we know now that you are only as old as your arteries."

Carruthers admits that his is a lone voice in the British medical profession. At present, testosterone is given medically to young men only if they are not producing their own. The treatment is available in a limited capacity on the NHS. Apart from this, testosterone is given only to sex-change patients.

"For a long time," Carruthers says, "there was just no good research showing that prolonged stress could substantially reduce the production of the male hormone, and that this lack could cause both mental and physical problems."

Now, he says, research carried out at Syracuse University, in the United States, has shown that when male tennis players win, they produce an enormous surge of testosterone, "but when they lose, production goes right down.

"Experiments with airline pilots in Argentina have shown that when they are exposed to very loud noises in aircraft turbine factories, their production of testosterone is halved. It seems that stress of all kinds can diminish production of male hormone."

Also, he says, testosterone is closely connected to the amount of drive a person has – and not just sex drive. "I have been treating people under severe stress for many years, and usually by the time they come to see me they feel completely burnt out.

"They may have been made redundant or superseded at work, or been through a difficult divorce. Their problems are often made worse by excessive alcohol intake, and they have certainly lost their sex drive. By the beginning of this year, I felt there was enough medical evidence to justify giving male hormone to combat stress and circulatory problems."

Patients attending Carruthers's Harley Street clinic are given a battery of biochemical tests, and doses of male hormone are individually tailored, just as HRT is for women. "My own research is now showing that follicle-stimulating hormone, the hallmark of the menopause in women, is also produced in large quantities by middle-aged men."

Carruthers believes that the main difference between the menopause and the "viropause" is that with men there is a far wider range of ages.

As with female HRT, administering testosterone is not without problems. Large doses have been associated with liver damage, and there have been reports that some synthetic forms of testosterone can worsen a heart condition.

In Denmark, a number of elderly people given testosterone in hospital for circulatory problems developed an insatiable sex drive. It also got a bad name a few years ago when certain fringe doctors recommended it as an elixir of youth, along with monkey glands and sheep foetuses.

Gordon Williams, a consultant urologist at London's Hammersmith Hospital who specializes in treating male impotence, is against the idea. "We would never give testosterone to an impotent man because it increases libido without being able to do anything about performance," he says.

"There is certainly no justification for giving testosterone for impotence. As for the wider implications, at the moment there is simply no evidence available. The only men being medically treated with testosterone are those who, because of accident or injury, are completely unable to make their own.

"The main problem with giving testosterone long-term is its association with liver damage. Also, it may stimulate a prostate tumour to grow. The incidence of prostate cancer is increasing, particularly among young men."

Williams disputes the evidence of a male menopause. "There is no sudden cessation of hormone production as men get older, although there is usually a dramatic falling off in sexual desire and ability to perform. Many men see this as natural and never worry about it at all. And I must say that usually their wives are delighted. I get many men coming to my clinic saying they feel they are not satisfying their wives, but when you talk to the wife, she is usually relieved more than anything else.

"It's true that when a man is under severe stress, the first thing to go will be his sex drive. But there is no clinical evidence to suggest that testosterone can reverse a man's mid-life problems."

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Holes in the head

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

As the Queen travels the world, her expression of apparent interest may be concealing a splitting headache, for she is perhaps our best-known sufferer from sinusitis, which is one of the commonest causes of headache and facial pain. Another monarch, King Hussein, has had even more severe problems from sinusitis and has undergone surgery, the Caldwell-Luc operation, in an attempt to overcome it. Were it not for the sinuses – cavities in the bones of the skull – our heads would be so heavy that it would be difficult to hold them erect for any length of time without the neck muscles suffering unbearable strain. The saving in weight, and the resonance the sinuses give to the voice, are the advantages of hollow skull bones. But these are bought at a cost, for when the openings (the ostia) to the sinuses become blocked, the cavities fill with fluid which, once infected, causes sinusitis.

Traditionally sinusitis has been treated with antibiotics in the hope that once the inflammation around the ostia is relieved the sinuses will drain. If they do not, the surgeon resorts to sinus washouts, and if these fail to the Caldwell-Luc operation, in which the sinus is penetrated through an incision in the upper gum. A few years ago German and Austrian surgeons started to explore the sinuses through an endoscope, an illuminated tube similar to the arthroscope with which orthopaedic surgeons can peer into joints. The Americans followed, and in 1988 a unit was established at the University College and Middlesex Hospital School of Medicine in London. Sinus endoscopy is now being used for diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the sinuses. Recent research has added to our knowledge of the way in which sinuses drain to the nose down narrow clefts in the ethmoid bone. The pattern of these clefts, the ostiomeatal complex, varies from person to person, and is as intricate and delicate as the delta of a large river.

When operating with an endoscope, usually under local anaesthesia, the surgeon, who needs a detailed knowledge of nasal anatomy, can localize the places in the ostiomeatal complex where the free flow of fluid is obstructed; once this is cleared, inflammation subsides and the mucosa regenerates.

Lip repairs

When Neil Carter was too depressed by salmonella in his laying birds either to tend to the Archers' pigs or to look after his son, Christopher, his wife played happily with the boy instead. An everyday story with a difference, for Christopher was born with a hare lip and was rejected by his mother. Now that the deformity has been repaired, all is forgotten.

The Archers reflects the experience of Barry Jones, the plastic surgeon at Great Ormond Street Hospital, who has found that after repair parental rejection disappears. For this reason, and because early surgery lessens the deformity of the palate, babies at an increasing number of hospitals have the operation within a day or two of birth.

Given the good results which this regime achieves at only minimal hazard to the child, and without the mother having to be subjected to major surgery, Jones thinks that it is difficult in the present state of medical knowledge to justify *in utero* cosmetic surgery, even though undertaking such surgery before the 22nd week of pregnancy might render any scar invisible.

Operating so early in pregnancy would carry an appreciable risk of inducing a miscarriage (even amniocentesis increases this risk by 1 per cent), and any damage to the child might be so subtle that it would not become apparent until years later, when a potential Balliol scholar fails the GCSE. The uncertainty of diagnosis makes early surgery difficult, for ultrasound is an inexact science dependent on the skills of the radiologist and the quality of the machine. Furthermore it has not been Jones's experience, as others have claimed, that mothers want an abortion once they know that their child has a hare lip; he has found that they respond to reassurance that it will be repaired a couple of days after birth.

Advances in surgical knowledge may change the balance in the present equation; if a foetoscope could be devised and used with such safety that abortions were not induced, and the mother was saved major surgery, early surgery might become acceptable; conversely, if the growth factors present in the foetus which limit scarring could be isolated, it might be possible to use them after neonatal surgery and thereby prevent even a tiny scar.

Aids and age

When older people talk of Aids they often rejoice that they were able to live their youth uninhibited by the thought of an incurable, sexually transmitted disease; their conversation reinforces the belief of any younger people present that sex and its diseases are confined to the under-fifties.

Four Glasgow doctors writing in the magazine *Geriatric Medicine* have reviewed the case histories of elderly patients with Aids, and have shown that, although in Britain the virus predominantly strikes in the 15-50 age group, an appreciable number catch it in their fifties, and even when over 65. In the United States 10 per cent of all cases occur in the over-fifties, and 2.5 per cent were over 60. In Europe the figures are similar: 11 per cent over 50, around 5 per cent over 65. About half of the cases in Britain involving people over 65 were due to homosexual or bisexual activity; around 6 per cent had been caught from casual heterosexual contacts.

Aids is often misdiagnosed in old people. Patients, aware of their sexual activities, may have fears as to the cause of their symptoms, but the Glasgow team has found that doctors make the correct diagnosis late, seldom suspecting it until it is obvious.

In the older age group the disease is more aggressive, and the time from catching it to developing full-blown Aids much shorter. Few elderly patients survive their first attack of *Pneumocystis carinii* pneumonia (PCP), and more than 75 per cent of elderly patients have died within three months of the diagnosis being made. In older patients Aids has a predilection for attacking the brain and spinal cord, and consequently causes mental breakdown and physical weakness. These may be the only manifestation of the disease in the elderly.

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I've been a National Hunt jockey for seven seasons. I am 25, 5ft 8in and usually weigh just under 10 stone, which is about average for a jump jockey.

I try to eat as normally as I can, though not excessively. For breakfast I'll have a cup of tea or coffee without sugar, and a couple of slices of wholemeal toast. I might have a cup of coffee with a couple of sugars for energy in the afternoon, maybe a sandwich, then in the evenings I like fish, chicken, the odd steak, or lamb chops. My wife, Carol, doesn't do potatoes as a rule, but we have plenty of other vegetables.

Racing six days a week now, we're on the scales every day and we know how much our weight varies. Some weekends I can put on four or five pounds. If I'm light going into the weekend, I only have to go out for a meal and I might put on four or five pounds.

One year I went on holiday, let it go a bit through the summer and went up to over 11 stone. Then I did find it hard getting it down, and hard keeping it down as well. Since then, touch wood, my weight's been quite good, and it hasn't been too hard to keep under control.

I drink alcohol, but not to excess. Saturday nights we'll go out for a meal or there might be a party, and I may have some wine or the occasional lager or scotch.

We're riding out most mornings for about one and a half hours, sitting on nine or 10 horses. In the season we're racing six days a week, so fitness isn't really a problem, though it is at the beginning of the season when we're only racing three days a week, and we have June and July off. So I get fit by playing squash every day, and I go running for a couple of miles three times a week. I play golf now and again, and I also play a bit of cricket in the summer.

There's the injury side to it as well. Riding horses over fences you're always liable to get falls – it works out that about one in every 12 rides we'll hit the deck. Travelling at 30mph it's not always painless. The most common injury is a broken collarbone, which thankfully I haven't suffered. I've had a couple of neck injuries, torn ligaments, the odd vertebra out of place. If I have a bad fall and I'm bruised I'll visit a chiropractor, physiotherapist or remedial therapist.

It is quite a high-pressure sport. We're out there three or four rides a day, and you've got to get the race tactics sorted out beforehand, be at the right place at the right time, so I suppose you are under stress. I try to play the pressure down: there's no point getting totally wound up about it all the time.

Most evenings I wouldn't go out, I'd watch television or read a book. There's not really a lot of time for anything else, bar looking at form books.

It's quite a big thing in our game, the injury side of it; you have to be lucky to steer clear. But if you're riding winners you're also getting falls – that's the way it is.

Interview by Pamela Nowicka

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A bard of old putty

REINVENTING SHAKESPEARE
A Cultural History from the Restoration to the Present
By Gary Taylor
The Hogarth Press, £18

GLYNN BOYD HARTE

It has always seemed absurd that at the end of *Desert Island Discs* each week's Crusoe is summarily dispatched into oblivion with editions of Shakespeare and the Bible. What if the putative castaway did not want Shakespeare at all? There could have been room beside his hammock for the collected works of Henry James or Sir Thomas Browne instead. And why in any case should the writings of a 16th-century dramatist be associated with the truths of Christian revelation? Gary Taylor, in this suggestive study, provides a variety of answers. He is concerned with the cultural transmission of Shakespeare, with what he calls the "mechanisms of cultural renown" — in other words with "Shakespeare" as we have come to know him, complete with the vague penumbra of cadences and quotations and characters and scenes that comprise his contemporary reputation.

Reinventing Shakespeare is a fascinating account of culture as market, a place of business as well as entertainment, the engine of those processes through which name or reputation are secured and manipulated. Taylor sees Shakespeare *in particular* as the emblem of a primarily conservative and hierarchical culture, a talisman borne aloft in the face of threatening social or civic chaos, a form of "nostalgic assurance", and, in our own time, a defence against threatened national identity as well as a potent weapon in the commercial quest of publishers or theatrical companies for market and audiences. The book will no doubt therefore offend those who are engaged in just such activities while pretending to altruism of the more egregious sort, and it will no doubt also disturb those who picture Genius, like some angel on a Gothic panel, soaring into another sphere quite apart from all earthly considerations. But those who want to know how great writing enters the commercial and theatrical circumstances of the day will derive great profit from Taylor's study.

Shakespeare was restored at the Restoration, and was used as a weapon by William Davenant in his fight against the rival company of Thomas Killigrew: the dramatist's reputation was then guided by the bookseller Jacob Tonson, and by a succession of combative editors who were more concerned with the proper notation of their own glories. In the 18th century Shakespeare became celebrated once more at a time of burgeoning nationalism and conservatism. In all cases Shakespeare's fame depended as much upon the political conditions and cultural imperatives of the time as upon his genuine worth as a writer.

But it was not until the *later stages of the 20th* century, when the academic industry came into its own, that the angel really fell to earth and Shakespeare was entombed beneath the Mountain of Dullness. In recent decades interpretation has followed interpretation, just as edition once succeeded edition. And if one of the salient facts of the 20th-century university has been the specialization of literary studies in order to provide more and more jobs for the expanding number of academic labourers, so in this same period Shakespeare has been praised for his *difficulty*, his *ambiguity*, his *complexity* — characteristics which could then only be deciphered by the expert critic. Of course Taylor himself is an associate professor somewhere in America, and his account of the contemporary academic exploitation of Shakespeare reveals the very shop-fronts and gutters of the modern Grub Street, which has moved from the much-abused metropolis to suburban seats of learning in Sussex or Iowa.

There are times, however, when Taylor seems almost to berate Shakespeare for his ready availability to different criteria of taste and to different varieties of exegesis. But the fact that he is so adaptable, so malleable, is an important aspect of his genius. This is not to repeat the usual clichés about his "protean" nature, but rather to suggest that his very openness to meaning mirrors that purest state of human creativity which dwells in the cadence and sound of words only. What is described here is the endless process of interpretation which is in fact all we ever know of art and of the artist; the meaning of the plays changes continually as Shakespeare *is rewritten by one* generation after another.

And rewritten, sometimes, in a literal sense. For what are we left with at the end of this intriguing survey? A Shakespeare whose spelling and punctuation are to a large extent the invention of compositors; whose texts and scenes have been radically altered or reconstructed by the plethora of editors who used him for their own cultural purposes; whose characters and dialogue have been transformed by the vainglorious expedients of generations of actors. This should be added to the portrait of a dramatist who did not hesitate to steal the lines and plots of others; who rewrote lost plays of forgotten playwrights when the opportunity presented itself. Truly a Shakespeare who, at the end of the 20h century, is as appropriate to the whole new science of chaos as ever he was to Renaissance cosmology.

In fact the whole history of cultural accommodation and transmission, as described in this book, suggests that we really no longer know what real value to ascribe to Shakespeare's plays. He has become so much a national, cultural, and academic icon that there is no critical vocabulary with which to describe him or by which he can be judged. There is a further conclusion to be drawn from *Reinventing Shakespeare*: by convincingly demonstrating the instability and relativity of even the most ferociously espoused critical values, Gary Taylor presents a dramatist who has become not valueless, but value-free. Will this be the Shakespare of the next century?

Incongruences of your everyday living

FICTION
Anne Barnes

IN TRANSIT
By Mavis Gallant
Faber, £12.99

THE GREEK INTERPRETER
By Max Davidson
Hodder & Stoughton, £12.95

THE BLACKBIRD'S SONG
By Pauline Holdstock
Peter Halban, £10.95

ON HEROES AND TOMBS
By Ernesto Sabato
Translated by Helen R. Lane
Cape, £13.95

The characters in Mavis Gallant's short stories are not so much **In Transit** as *fixed in places where they don't* belong. They are living in another country, or with people who are unsympathetic, or with a close relation whom they cannot understand. In one story, a small boy, recovering in hospital from a car crash which has killed both his parents, hears the whispering around him but can make no sense of the trite half truths and phrases meant to jolly him along. In another, a young girl lured by the promise of a glitzy life of leisure and sunlight in Italy, has married a much older man, only to find herself longing for grass instead of cacti, and the bustle of English gentility instead of Mediterranean idleness. In these stories there are no solutions, no careful structures to underline or measure conspicuous success or failure in the way people run their lives. Often someone is trying hard to break away from alien surroundings, but the moment of escape is not the main point. The progress from one stage to another is smooth and elegant, passing through illumination and bafflement, and leaving the outcome ambiguous.

Max Davison is less concerned with elegance, and more intent on taking aim at certain targets. In his absurd story about **The Greek Interpreter** he sets up an international conference which is going off the rails in Bangkok, thereby opening up a number of old, but still lively, jokes. The central joke is the conference itself — and the conference mentality. The author makes full use of the idea of a room *full of* pompous people with their pockets bulging with eloquent speeches, bogged down in points of order and incomprehensible translations. The American senator is a familiar figure against this backcloth, as he juggles with human rights, while protecting his own shady source of private income. Max Davidson manages to fold into the narrative various massage parlours, murder plots, dirty tricks, and drug smugglers; and if the end is a bit puzzling, it doesn't really matter because there is a lot of action along the way.

In contrast, **The Blackbird's Song** presents real violence in its barest form. Panline Holdstock describes a journey made by Emily and William, their young son and unpredictable friend Martha across the plains of northern China. They are Christian missionaries, and it is June 1900 — a year of terrible drought. The restless country people, seeing their crops ruined and looking for the cause, decide it is the "foreigners" who have brought this disaster upon them. For Emily and William, beaten and imprisoned, the conventional boundaries between faith and doubt no longer hold. What seemed to be strength is weakness, and what might have been termed courage now seems the clearest expression of fear. Aware of these contradictions, stripped of their possessions and the protection of the civilized world, they must face their feelings about themselves and each other with precision and restraint. The bleakness of the author's prose and the compressed power of her observation make this an extraordinary first novel on the interplay of anger, love, and duty.

Ernesto Sabato's dissertation **On Heroes and Tombs** presents a different view of love and suffering. It is a great rambling exploration of various sorts of obsession — sexual, philosophical, political — set against a background of nationalist traditions and class values in the confused social world of Argentina in the 1950s. Alejandra is a young girl swept by deep uncertainty, which she conceals beneath a veneer of self-sufficiency. This blend of confidence and doubt makes her the focus of the obsessions of three very different men. For Martin, her rather bedraggled young lover, she is a symbol of his highest ideals, his native land, his yearning for love. To her father she symbolizes mysterious forces linked to his preoccupations with blindness and evil. To her mother's ex-lover she is a symbol of what can never be attained and therefore never defiled. Sabato explores the intertwined obsessions in labyrinthine detail. It is a remarkable assortment of ideas that beat their way through a changing narrative style. One page might almost have been written by Proust, then the next is like a school history book. Strange that they work so well together.

NEW HARDBACKS

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books:

The Correspondence of Charles Darwin, Volume 5, 1851-1855, edited by Frederick Burkhardt and Sydney Smith (Cambridge, £32.50) He throws *himself into his Species Theory, with frequent posts around the globe.*

From Homer to Tragedy, The Art of Allusion in Greek Poetry, by Richard Garner (Routledge, £30) Systematic echoes, references, quotes.

The Language of the Goddess, by Marija Gimbutas (Thames & Hudson, £29.95) European matriarchal prehistoric roots exposed.

Music and Medicine, Medical profiles of great composers, by John O'Shea (Dent, £18.95) Why did Schubert wear a wig? What did Mozart's *ear really* look like? What was the curse of the Mendelssohns? Which scandalous violinist always wore flannel underwear? Approaching musicians idiosyncratically by way of their ailments and crotchets.

The Photographic Work of Calvert Richard Jones, by Rollin Buckman (HMSO, £30) Welsh founding father of snapping, with 400 calotypes.

Keeping alive inside

Prabhu Guptara

HIGHER THAN HOPE
By Fatima Meer
Hamish Hamilton, £15.99

Beware: this book is patchy, verbose, badly organized; but it may well change your view of South Africa. It is written by a Natal University Professor of Sociology at the request of Mandela. The two families are friends of long standing, but the fact that Mandela asked an Indian to write his biography, in preference to many fine black writers, is not without political signficance. In spite of all the *mistreatment of nearly three decades* in South African prisons, Mandela holds to an inspiring ideal of international humanism. Unable to get much from Mandela himself, Meer was forced to rely almost entirely on the surviving letters and diaries of Mandela to his fellow activists, and on conversations with Mandela's family, friends, and acquaintances. The effect is much like trying to look into someone's eyes through a hall of mirrors.

However, Meer did not have the option of an alternative method, and the value of *Higher Than Hope* lies in the mass of material it brings to us: details of the BOSS plan to eliminate Mandela, foiled by British intelligence services' threat to blow the whistle; the nature of Mandela's life underground; Mandela's discovery of other parts of Africa in 1962, when he slipped out of the country without authorization.

What is amazing and captivating about Mandela is his irrepressible zest for life after half a long lifetime in solitary confinement. In one letter to Winnie, he writes of "the simple things in life I have missed most . . . boxing tournaments, music festivals . . . and the greatest of all moments — closing the bedroom door".

What is most compelling about the book, however, are the sections relating to Mandela's first wife, Evelyn, and his second wife Winnie, who has become almost as well known as her husband as a result of the government's fear of her. Related with documentary objectivity is the way in which Winnie's life became an era of letters never received, visits made impossible, police harassment, arrests, court appearances, slander.

Higher Than Hope is a tribute to *the Mandelas' extraordinary* Christian fortitude and maturity. The government's attempt to break them consisted not just of crude violence and intimidation, but also of squeezing the slender economic base of the family by preventing Winnie from working. Even more than Nelson, she deserves recognition for keeping all the Mandelas — and much of the freedom struggle — going.

It is not surprising that the Mandelas have come to symbolize a people who have been systematically harassed, beaten, starved, and denied human rights, but who have succeeded in maintaining human dignity. The true test for the Mandelas, however, will come when their country is finally able to enter the community of free and democratic nations.

On Saturday: **Glendinning** on the missionary business, **Louis Heren** on Alan Moorehead, military uniforms, jazz age, Boswell, crime

Spook in the database

Michael Hartland

THE CUCKOO'S EGG
By Clifford Stoll
The Bodley Head, £12.95

The main difference between a thriller and real-life espionage, is that now more than 70 per cent of the kosher stuff is done by computer. The interception of communications may be an electronic miracle, but thin material for a novel. Inanimate *boxes of wire and chips neither* fall in love nor betray each other, so spy writers steer clear of them. *The Cuckoo's Egg* proves them wrong.

In 1986 Clifford Stoll was a young astronomer and computer whiz-kid at the Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory, California, involved in Star Wars, but so junior that his office was in a basement with no windows. One day he noticed a 75 per cent loss on his computer accounts. Curious, he found that his system had been broken into — then, after weeks of searching, that someone was using it to access top secret databases.

Stoll's main interest in life was his love affair with law student Martha. He was not into politics or patriotism, but realized that something murky was going on, and reported *it*. The authorities took one look at his long hair and jeans — and ignored him. It was like witnessing a murder, going to the police and being treated as a nut.

Against every inclination, Clifford Stoll roused himself from the sybaritic life of San Francisco Bay and set traps for the hacker, who tiresomely reappeared when Stoll was in the shower with his girlfriend. Gradually he proved that his unseen enemy was syphoning off some of the most sensitive military material in the United States: the targeting and capability of nuclear and chemical weapons, overseas bases, everything. Reluctantly the FBI and National Security Agency became involved, although they still mistrusted him. The details of his counter-hacking are intriguing if you are into computers: they may not quite tell you how to bust into the Nat West with an Amstrad, but they come pretty close. Even if computers bore you to tears, it's a robust and very funny story of a laid-back fella kicking pompous authority into action.

At the end it turns into a real thriller. After three years of frustration, Stoll tracked his opponent to West Germany, and suddenly everyone took him seriously. On March 2, 1989 the German police arrested Markus Hess of Hanover and four others for espionage. They were all small-time crooks, charged with selling the results of their hacking to the KGB in East Berlin. The haemorrhage of secrets stopped. Triumphant Stoll married Martha, and moved to an office with a window.

The Cuckoo's Egg leaves you with two powerful impressions. First, the youth of everyone concerned — Stoll and Hess were both in their mid-twenties — and the ease with which the hacking was done. Does the spread of on-line computers mean that in future *nothing* can be genuinely secure? Second, even hi-tech espionage can be dangerous. Three of the hackers are in jail awaiting trial. Two co-operated with the police to avoid prosecution — of whom one was found burnt to death by petrol in a forest outside Hanover. Nobody seemed surprised that there was no suicide note.

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THE ARTS

Maverick pleasures

TELEVISION
Sheridan Morley

I am accused by the BBC Music and Arts Department, in our recent correspondence columns, of being less than charitable toward their total lack of a prime-time mass-audience regular equivalent of *The South Bank Show*. Compared to this, *The Late Show* is not so much a rival as an insomniac intellectual's ghetto, with such occasional highlights as Pinter-reading-Rushdie in an outside broadcast on Tuesday. It needs to be added that the BBC can and does come up with the occasional superlative monthly special.

Last night's *Bookmark* on BBC 2 was one such: the story of Miron Grindea, a Romanian publisher, who 50 years ago crashed his way through the Customs barriers at Dover and then set up *Adam*, a magazine. Now surviving the half-century against all possible odds, the magazine has published Picasso, Shaw, Eliot, Dali, Cocteau, Churchill and Benjamin Britten, along with less distinguished columnists.

With diffidence and considerable charm, John Wells hosted a programme which looked at the curious obsession Grindea has had with the snapping-up of literary trifles. Whether getting Cocteau to review Piaf ("a lizard among the ruins") or telling Frederic Raphael what to write next, or asking Churchill to review Bernard Shaw, or simply printing Agatha Christie's refusal to write for him, Grindea remains an extraordinary mix of archivist, procurer, and literary detective. He was at his absolute best when locating in Brighton a dying French waiter who could bear witness to Marcel Proust's habit of picking up young men in restaurants and buying them decent suits for services rendered.

By the end of Nadia Haggar's superb documentary, one felt one had discovered another entire secret floor of the London Library, and the only failure was in neglecting to tell us where back numbers of *Adam* could be purchased. Presumably from their address in the London telephone directory.

Granada's *El CID* was off to an extremely strong start last night with Alfred Molina and John Bird, as a couple of disenchanted policemen starting a new life on the Costa del Sol. An opening script by Chris Kelly and Iain Roy sustained a high level of running gags about one-armed bandits and an informer known as Mo the Grass. The wonderful world-weariness of Molina and the lugubrious, wry dejection of Bird will make them one of the most compulsively watchable double-acts of the season, just as long as their many writers can find enough to keep them in trouble on the Costa del Crime. Any series with a title like this, but not involving Charlton Heston, deserves an award.

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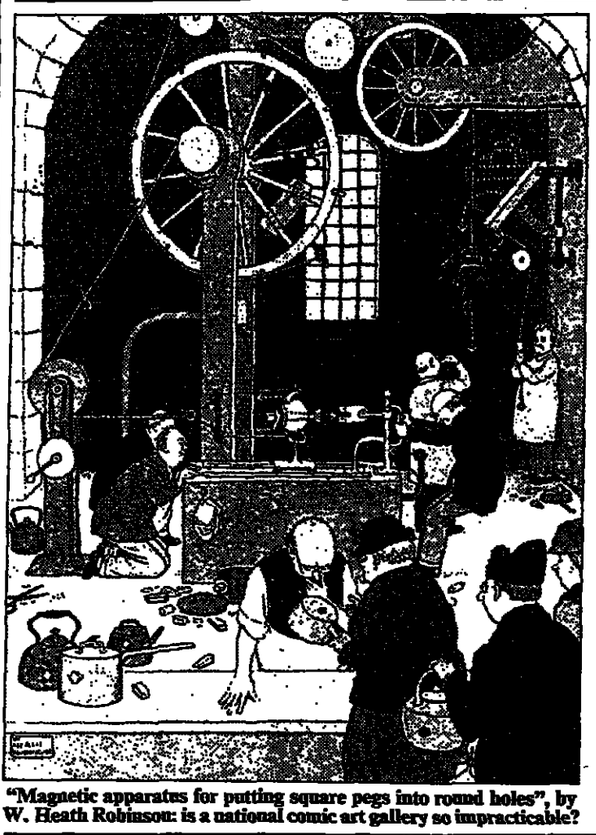
Have you heard the one about setting up a National Gallery of Comic Art? **Joseph Williams** proposes it, and he is not joking



"Magnetic apparatus for putting square pegs into round holes", by W. Heath Robinson: is a national comic art gallery so impracticable?

A home for humour

They humiliate governments, they change social trends, they peel open the most uncomfortable truths of human nature. Yet cartoons, caricatures and comic drawings are undervalued as works of art. It is a distortion which cartoonists themselves might easily put on paper.

This injustice, however, may be righted with the proposed setting up of a National Gallery of Comic Art. To sceptics, the idea looks as impracticable as a Heath Robinson contraption; but a dedicated set of experts and devotees is convinced that a museum devoted to the pillory of human weakness is long overdue.

With the price of paintings soaring in the auction houses, the humble cartoon could proffer a refreshing alternative. Comic art is relatively cheap at the moment, yet there are few private collectors in the country. One of them is Simon Heneage, consultant to the Books Department at Sotheby's. He is a votary of nonsense humour, and active in the attempt to found a museum. "I'd donate part of my collection, comprising mostly British cartoons on social themes. But the museum would ideally cover all branches and periods. And we'd hold competitions and lectures, to involve the public. It wouldn't be static."

Supporting him are cartoonists Mel Calman and Nick Garland, and others from the arts world, such as David Puttnam and Fay Weldon. Contributions would come from the University of Kent, which stores an impressive selection of comic art — not displayed, through lack of space. It is hoped that the Victoria and Albert Museum might lend some of its collection (also, sadly, locked up).

The Arts Council has had its sense of humour tickled too: it may be interested, once the specific requirements are laid down. Funding remains the main problem. A recent auction of cartoons was helpful, and the organizers are seeking a vital fillip from larger companies such as Guinness.

Bulgaria already boasts a museum called the House of Humour and Satire, which sounds like the comic equivalent of the Chamber of Horrors. Its *raison d'être*, in a country long labouring under the yoke of austerity, is that cartoons are indispensable to the survival of humanity. Heneage believes that this is too heavy-handed a philosophy, but he is convinced of the importance of a British National Museum: "Without it, works will get lost, destroyed and sold. On top of being fine examples of art, they are relevant politically and socially. David Low's cartoons infuriated Hitler, and Napoleon claimed he'd give anything to have a cartoonist like Gillray on his side."

People have loved and feared the fulminations of cartoonists. What Gillray captured, in his caricatures of Pitt and King George III, was the essence of the person. By distortion, paradoxically, the truth is sharpened. The caricaturist Rowlandson sticks his pen like a dart in our foibles, and twists out laughter as painful recognition.

Of course the humour may be genial, as in H.M. Bateman's affectionately titled picture *The Man Who Coughed at the First Night*, where a ridiculous social convention is broken, and thus lampooned. Humour may be gentle and universal, as in Daumier's *The Too Hot Bath*: a little man with a nightcap easing himself into a squalid bathtub, his miserly face screwing up into a bunch of masterful penstrokes. And humour may be positively savage: from the frightening profligacy depicted by Hogarth to the hideous and twisted creations of Goya.

Comic art deserves as much attention as comic literature. The distorting glass of Fielding, through which he sees the corruption of the world, is the same one used by great satirical artists, but for a different medium. Had Dickens been an artist, one feels that he would have sketched his grotesque characters exactly as Cruickshank did, so appropriate are the drawings.

Why, then, has there not been a gallery up till now? Heneage believes that cartoonists are not always easy collaborators: "They're eccentrics — they even have difficulty in coming to meetings." Like clowns and fools — wiser than the rest of us, but often lonely and sensitive — cartoonists tend towards introversion: typical of Tenniel, Pont and Leech. It was said of Vicky, that he had too much feeling for one man. What cartoonists should start drawing now, if their museum is to get off the ground, is our attention.

Is it a horrorshow tollchock? I'm afraid not

THEATRE
Benedict Nightingale

A Clockwork Orange 2004
Barbican

Let me come straight to the main question posed by Anthony Burgess's much-bruited adaptation of his celebrated novel. Is it a *grahzny vonny* play which this critic *veck* must *horrorshow tollchock*, or a *yumyumyum lovely shooshying* to the *gulliver* and *glazzies?* In 1990 English as opposed to 2004 newspeak, is it forgettable tosh, or intellectually and visually enjoyable?

But here I must do something temperamentally and verbally alien to the savage protagonist of *A Clockwork Orange*, who spouts this bizarre yet comprehensible blend of rhyming slang, ur-Russian, and punk rhetoric. I must shilly-shally a bit.

Yes, the play is sometimes coarsely acted, gratuitously showy, awkwardly poised between the real and surreal, plonkingly didactic, and lacking in those essential ingredients, toughness and horror. Yes, it is also fluent, inventive, mentally stimulating and even more timely than in 1962, when Burgess penned it.

The story involves teenage Alex, who rapes, plunders and pulverizes his way to prison, where he is transformed by aversion therapy. Sex, violence, and the sound of his beloved Beethoven now leave him creased with cramps. Yet somehow he survives both the callous reactionaries and the sentimental liberals. He is, Burgess provocatively suggests, neither monster nor misunderstood boy: just another male animal brutally growing up.

Burgess adds to his tale a report of the machine-gunning of blacks in the East End; but is otherwise faithful to the original, as well he might be. We can hardly say it is not topical, not with all-out war between the Crips and the Bloods in LA, not with eight-year-olds being found with guns in Detroit schools. And who can say our inner cities won't eventually see the spiralling violence, teenage thugs versus hoodlum police, Burgess describes?

Yet finally he is less concerned with penology than with metaphysics. To what extent is it right to remove someone's moral autonomy for society's sake? Is enforced virtue really virtue? Can someone be called good if he does not have a capacity for evil? Can good exist without evil?

Those are not altogether abstract problems either, not when castration is sometimes seriously suggested as a cure for sex offenders. But they do come across a bit clunkily at the Barbican. At one point a rumpled Graham Greene cleric materializes above the curved red Meccano surrounding the stage to incant, "It's all a matter of freedom of choice, we have a right to choose evil".

There is too much earnest opining in Ron Daniels's production; but also, paradoxically, too much spectacle. The depressing milk-bar where the thugs gather for battle is inexplicably peopled with bopping bathing beauties and what seem to be lady surgeons wearing wings. There is an equally eccentric ballet involving a doctor and Alex in a wheelchair. The violence, and especially a rape, is more authentic; but one never loses the feeling it has been expertly choreographed.

Perhaps that is not surprising, since the choreographer is in fact Arlene Phillips of Hot Gossip. The trouble is that Ron Daniels has not integrated her effects into the mean, hard world he also wants to evoke. One impression you get is of an uneasy mix of fantasy and street naturalism, intermittently backed by the pulsatings and moans, throbbings and wails of the rock composed by Bono and Edge of U2. Another is of a play not sure whether it is also a musical show.

Perhaps this indecisiveness explains the acting, which is unusually broad for the RSC. Among the few who inject a little finesse are Patrick Brennan, Francis Mark Johnson and, luckily, Phil Daniels, with his pale face, bowler, black wig and cute jacket. Looking like a mix of Chaplin, Fauntleroy and Richard III, and radiating a querulous slyness, his Alex does not risk the accusation faced by the more charismatic Malcolm McDowell in Kubrick's movie, of glamorizing evil.

But he still is not frightening enough. Nor, indeed, is the show as a whole. It should appal us with the prospect of perils to come, and it just does not. The two Daniels, Ron and Phil, finally lack danger: we need a bit more terror, a little more lion in their urban cage.

DONALD COOPER

Eccentric: Alex (Phil Daniels) is wheeled by the orderly (Roger Tebb) with several of the original cast.

Strange, sad choice of role model

Harry Eyres

A Vision of Love Revealed in Sleep
Drill Hall

Simeon Solomon, painter of beautiful boys, friend of Rossetti and Swinburne, occasions one of the saddest or, if you prefer, most heroic sentences in the *Dictionary of National Biography*: "He tried his hand, without success, as a pavement artist in Bayswater." This begs the question of what success as a pavement artist would constitute. Neil Bartlett and Gloria tend to the heroic view; their aim is to re-write Solomon's biography in tones very different from the DNB's crushing ironies and innuendoes ("he was known for his frequent falls"), and reclaim him as a brave gay martyr and icon for gay men in our time.

The problem is that Bartlett chooses to base his text on Solomon's prose poem of 1871 called *A Vision of Love Revealed in Sleep*, which comes across as a work of dim sentimentality rather than perfervid eroticism. Bartlett reads passages from the Vision with a hesitant simplicity which commands respect, if not interest. The fact is that when the same passages are read again at the end of this 100-minute (too long) show, the effect is the same: there has been no gain in focus. Solomon was a gifted artist; on this evidence, he was not a good poet.

That may be to miss the point of this show which is more concerned with drawing parallels between Solomon's "fallen" life, devoted to the pleasures of rough trade and alcohol, and contemporary gay experience. Bartlett slips artfully between reminiscences of Solomon's life and observations on his own. These are sometimes humorous but more often nakedly (the only piece of clothing he wears throughout is a red silk scarf) confessional. Welcome variation is provided by a splendid trio of queens (it is the only appropriate word), in the persons of Bette Bourne, Regina Fong and Robin Whitmore. Bourne is a performer of rare warmth and magneticism, at least when she is not trying to be a café chanteuse. Nicolas Bloomfield's piano playing is unfailingly refined.

Solomon's life was, I think, both sad and heroic. What is disquieting about this show is that, faced with the fear of Aids and reactionary "morality", a gifted group of gay performers should choose such a role model — a man condemned by the hypocrisy of the time to waste his talent.

Jeremy Kingston

How Steeple Sinderby Wanderers Won the FA Cup
Thorndike, Leatherhead

Wanting to look at the novel by J.L. Carr on which this play is based, but unable to track down a copy, I borrowed another, *The Battle of Pollocks Crossing*, and read it at a sitting. I marvel at how he makes the awkward struggle of decent human beings in a tough world into thrilling adventures.

The protagonists of *How Steeple Sinderby* are similarly obscure, but here there are more of them, an entire village from the back end of nowhere, whose inhabitants bind themselves into an efficient football machine and knock out all their opponents all the way to Wembley. The stage version of this inspiring tale, by Christopher Lillicrap and Mike Fields, was first seen at Worcester. The Thorndike at Leatherhead has been astute in extending its life, transferring Fields's production with several of the original cast.

With a cast of only seven, barely enough for half the team, dizzy doubling is required to bring in the vicar, his wild sister, housewives driving off Manchester louts with warming pans, and others. The nature of the story lends itself to this approach, but where a large cast might introduce greater physical variety, much is done to suggest this with quickly donned coats and hats pulled down over the ears.

The stage is simply furnished with some green chairs, lockers and a table, doubling as grandstands, against a backcloth of the church and houses snuggling close together to symbolize the village's new-found unity.

Carr's fondness for finding virtues where hardly expected finds its comic centre in Fangfoss, the chairman who runs the club as if it were an extension of his sugarbeet factory. Trenchantly played by Phil Croft, he is supported by likeable performances from Simon Coates as an ex-theology student, now bright young secretary, and Justine Midda as the cub journalist suffering from chronic alliteration. A joyful evening.

Trimmed to fit them

DANCE
John Percival

Giselle
City Hall, Sheffield

Christopher Gable has put his mark firmly on his new production of *Giselle* for Northern Ballet Theatre. For one thing, it looks different from other versions by being set in the 19th century and taking place, I imagine, in Switzerland, judging by the mountains behind the little villa occupied by the heroine and her mother.

Here, they offer the passing gentry not wine but a nice soothing cup of tea. Can we believe in suicide by a sword-stick in this context?

Gable is obviously keen for us to follow the story. In case we are not sure what Albrecht is up to inside his cottage, we see him arrive complete with manservant carrying his disguise in a carpet-bag, and the wall of the cottage is cut away so that we see inside.

This produces a complication. To make sure everyone can see, the cottage is pushed right out on the stage; then to make room for dancing it is pulled back again into the wings.

That looks odd, but no more so than the cut-out forward-projecting backcloths of Roger Butlin's decor. This has the merit of letting the ghostly apparitions of Act II appear from under the snowy ground (a chilling effect); the drawback is that folk in Act I also find themselves accidentally disappearing underground.

Also, having taken such care of some dramatic detail, it is surprising to see Hilarion at the end simply pushed into the wings with no indication of his watery death, or to find people sitting on a rough log when there is a garden seat available for them.

Gable has made a few changes to the choreography, not improvements, but not disastrous either; and he has obviously worked to get his cast conscious of style as well as drama. He has been more successful with their arms than their footwork; and although the dancing is all quite light and noiseless, it never becomes very aerial.

All told, this is not a production to match the one Alicia Markova did for the company a few years ago, but it is serviceable and has the merit of being built around the abilities of the present dancers, led by Graciela Kaplan as a sturdy Giselle and Duncan de Grochy as an earnest Albrecht.

Getting back to what the composer intended

John Mauceri, who is conducting a new production of Verdi's *La forza del destino* for Scottish Opera, talks to Hilary Finch

When John Mauceri made a magnificent London début conducting *La forza del destino* for English National Opera in 1983, there seemed to be no problem about editions. He used Verdi's second, "improved" version, first performed in 1869 in Milan. Seven years on, as he prepares to conduct Elijah Moshinsky's new production for Scottish Opera, it is to much of Verdi's original version, composed for St Petersburg, that he will be looking. Mauceri, who majored in composition and musical analysis at Yale, and who has already come up with new ideas on *Candide*, *La traviata* and *Madam Butterfly*, clearly did not make the change lightly.

Andrew Porter, who translated the opera for ENO, had himself supervised a semi-professional production in California of the original 1862 St Petersburg score, and he sent Mauceri the tape. "My immediate response," Mauceri says, "was that at every instance Verdi had undoubtedly improved musical matters in the second version; so we stick by its musical substance. But, as far as the dramatic structure went, the revision made *La forza* seem long and formless, whereas the original makes it the most perfectly structured piece Verdi ever wrote."

The three crucial changes occur in the overture, in the restructuring of Act III, and in the finale ending. Mauceri had always found the second overture (itself a popular concert piece), with its long development and loud happy ending, an incongruous curtain-raiser for an opera which began with flute and clarinet playing very quietly the repeated Es of the famous fate motif. The original Prelude, on the other hand, ends on that quiet E which leads right into the first scene.

Mauceri claims that the dramaturgy of Act III is upset by its later revision. In order to end with a hit chorus (the "Rataplan"), Verdi sacrificed an entirely convincing and richly satisfying rondo-form, of alternating arias and choruses, which continued over into Act IV and gave the original version such strength.

"The ending of the opera also troubled me. Alvaro says he is redeemed by Leonora's death. Well, the opera is simply not religious. It's not about the victory of God over Man: it's about a curse, the curse of a father he kills." The first scene ends in C minor with the pistol shot: in the original, the opera, too, ends in C minor as that curse is worked out, and the stage becomes littered with two murders and one suicide. "And the curtain comes down with three, quiet repeated Es. Beethoven's Fifth without the final note!"

John Mauceri: *La forza* is Verdi's "most perfectly structured piece"

With his reference to Beethoven, Mauceri shoots off into another characteristic observation which underpins his emphasis on the importance of such referential structures in Verdi's music. "I'm struck by the similarity between *La forza* and two other great Spanish operas by non-Spanish composers: *Fidelio* and *Don Giovanni*. The theme of the separated lovers, of the curse. They had a tremendous influence on Verdi. *La forza* is Verdi's most 'German' score (the Germans were actually instrumental in its revival) — in its motivic sense and its use of referential music. You can hear the 'Moonlight' Sonata in 'Pace mio Dio'; *Fidelio* in the use of the solo clarinet; the Commendatore's death and return, like that of Alvaro's curse, in the parallel keys.

"I really believe that the second *Forza* is a rare instance of Verdi making dramaturgical changes in order to ensure popular success. To do away with all those obscene dead bodies on stage at the end, to provide a hit chorus and a stunning overture, he compromised his own sense of theatre."

● La forza del destino *opens at the Theatre Royal, Glasgow, on Tuesday*

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Breaking the family budget

CINEMA
Geoff Brown

Sean Connery, Dustin Hoffman and Matthew Broderick: the services of these three actors alone ate up $12 million of the budget for **Family Business** (15, Odeon Leicester Square).

If the film fails to recoup its costs, do not blame them: as grandpa, father and son in a New York family with "criminal genes", they provide all the expected spit and polish. Connery is the diehard rapscallion, thieving and brawling in his twilight years; Hoffman the frustrated family man determined to keep his nose clean; Broderick a bright young kid who turns his back on academic glory for the joys and profit of following grandpa's footsteps.

Yet a finger needs to be pointed somewhere: with such a line-up, and a director like Sidney Lumet, one expects *Family Business* to deliver more than it does. Opening scenes are sluggish with talk, establishing the characters and the Manhattan milieu without igniting the plot. Then, once the trio joins forces to steal test-tubes and data from a lightly-guarded research laboratory, Lumet picks up the film's slack, echoing the nervous comedy-action mode that worked so well in *Dog Day Afternoon*.

Once Broderick alone is caught on the job, scenes tremble with heavy tussles of divided loyalty: if the boy names his colleagues and the data is returned, he goes free. For the finale, the mood switches to full-blooded sentiment: there is imprisonment, a death, a reconciliation, and a rousing rendition of "Danny Boy".

Possibly a screenwriter other than the author of the original novel (Vincent Patrick) could have slapped this rum mixture into better shape. At any rate, the film does improve as it goes along; Lumet's regular photographer, Andrzej Bartkowiak, works his usual magic with urban locations, and no-one can ignore $12 million worth of stardom.

Big-budget trio: from left, Matthew Broderick, Sean Connery and Dustin Hoffman add much-needed polish to Sidney Lumet's *Family Business*

The spartan ambience of the ICA Cinemathèque is a daunting prospect, I know, yet no-one interested in British cinema should miss **In Fading Light** in its upcoming retrospective of the Amber collective.

As Peter Guttridge reports, below, the Amber team documents working-class life in the north-east of England. Its latest film is an impressive account of the upheaval caused when a teenage girl runs the male gauntlet and joins her estranged father on his fishing boat in North Shields. British cinema has made notable past efforts to document the fisherman's hardy life, yet compared to the Amber film's briny air, *Man of Aran* and the like might almost be drawing-room comedies.

To be sure, the girl, the boat crew, their wives and friends are played by actors, but Amber's expertise in handling ordinary people makes them blend naturally into the surroundings.

Tom Hadaway's script occasionally slips into glibness, though the performers, headed by Joanna Ripley and Dave Hill, are robust enough to compensate. This is a forceful portrait of a perilous and imperilled way of life, and a British film to be reckoned with.

No-budget film-making also shows its strengths in Maggie Greenwald's **The Kill-Off** (18, Screen on the Hill). No costly special effects here: just masterly photography of a decaying resort on America's north-east coast, the grey winter skies clogged by a jungle of telephone wires. No milk of human kindness either; the phone lines crawl with malignant gossip spread by an ageing imaginary invalid, Luana (a frightening performance here from Loretta Gross). Lying in bed, she finds much to gossip about: incest, drugs, dark secrets galore. Luana finally meets her comeuppance, though the town seems fated never to rest in peace.

The material derives from the wickedly bleak mind of Jim Thompson (1906-1977), a hard-boiled novelist with a growing cult following. Past films of his novels have often been crippled by compromises (a selection is now on view at the National Film Theatre), but Greenwald – a talented new director with assorted Hollywood experience – courageously faces Thompson's nihilism head on.

Back to the Hollywood big guns. Inspired by a family death, Robert Harling wrote a successful play, *Steel Magnolias*, celebrating the fortitude of Southern women facing life's ups and downs. On stage, the action never strayed beyond a beauty parlour. In the film (PG, Odeon Haymarket), director Herbert Ross constantly sends us out and about – a wedding service here, a hospital and a cemetery there. Yet the essence remains unchanged: sassy exchanges between bosom chums, ringing lines begging to be noticed and quoted ("I would rather have 30 minutes of wonderful than a lifetime of nothing special"), and a stout affirmation that life must go on.

Everything falls into place too neatly to stir anything but surface emotions; however the cast pitches in with gusto, regardless. Sally Field makes a run for an Oscar as the protective mother of a diabetic daughter; Shirley MacLaine gobbles up her role as the town curmudgeon; Dolly Parton bounces with good cheer, and Olympia Dukakis elegantly dispenses wry quips. The heart of the film, though, lies with Julia Roberts, as the diabetic Shelby: this gifted newcomer injects a natural spark into the film's arch mix of Southern comfort and tear-tweaking melodrama.

Honey, I Shrunk the Kids (U, Odeon West End) finds two households' worth of quarrelsome children shrunk to a quarter of an inch, battling their way through a garden's outsize foliage, insects, and lawn mowers. This Disney variation on *The Incredible Shrinking Man* maintains a lively opening pace, paving the way for the awful moment when the broods – the free-wheeling Szalinskis and the hard-line Thompsons – set off Mr Szalinksi's molecule shrinker and end up as specks on the floor. From there they travel, via the dustpan, to the garden dustbin.

So far, so good. But then director Joe Johnston shifts gears; the film relaxes into a chain of encounters with special effects as the children navigate the jungle (and learn to love thy neighbour). The thrills are boisterous enough to provide happy family viewing.

"You wanna go combat tonight?" urchin Squeak asks his hero T, who lives in an empty water tower high above Manhattan in **Rooftops** (15, Cannon Oxford Street). "Probably," says T; "Cool," says Squeak. So off we go to a vacant lot where the hip hang out, displaying their prowess at a form of acrobatic kicking called "combat dancing". The man behind the camera is no child of music videos, but the silver-haired Robert Wise, aged 74.

Directing stale youth fodder may be one way to fight off feelings of obsolescence, but the end product only tarnishes a distinguished career. The plot – a sort of *Lower East Side Story* involving young love and drugs – limps from cliché to cliché. At least Eddie Vélez, the chief villain, possesses an amusing evil glint; beside him, Jason Gedrick's hero seems just another pin-up with a weightlifter's neck.

Unlikely showcase of flourishing art-form

David Robinson reports on the 1990 Indian Film Festival in Calcutta, the home town of Satyajit Ray, Ritwik Ghattak and Mrinal Sen

An outsider might well think that Calcutta had enough problems without adding a film festival to them. In fact, however, it proves a particularly suitable setting for the event. Calcutta has the most lively and pugnacious intellectual life of all Indian cities. Historically it has produced the three outstanding modern film masters – Satyajit Ray, the ill-fated genius Ritwik Ghattak and the radical and ever-active Mrinal Sen.

It also boasts the country's only purpose-built film complex, with a variety of cinemas, conference rooms, library and archive.

The peculiarity of the annual Indian Film Festival is its peripatetic nature. Although it returns in alternate years to Delhi, the rest of the time it moves to other production centres, like Bombay, Madras, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Trivandrum and, this year, Calcutta.

This can be nice in terms of tourism, but it provides terrible organizational headaches. Every year the festival director has to start afresh with an unaccustomed staff recruited from the local civil servants of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. After four years of managing the problems with skill and grace, the incumbent director, Urmila Gupta, has intimated that she has had enough.

An Indian festival is always full of incident. Most days there is a minor riot when, inevitably, a film is late, or changed, or cancelled, or arrives without sub-titles, or does not come up to expectations. The Progressive Democratic (*sic*) Students' Federation, a Naxalite organization, picketed the complex, loudly protesting against "vulgar films" (no specific examples were cited, but the mere title *sex, lies and videotape* seems to have aroused them). A minister seized the headlines with a confident pronouncement that the festival films were an incitement to drug use.

Such protests notwithstanding, for the local audience this is a rare chance to see the year's best films from around the world. Foreign visitors are inevitably more interested in the new work from India's so-called "Parallel Cinema", shown in the festival's "Indian Panorama" section which, since its inception, has been an important influence on the development of serious Indian cinema.

While Indian film production remains the highest in the world, at some 800 features a year, the bulk consists of traditional commercial *kitsch*, aimed at an audience with no interest in a cinema of artistic or social aims. The Indian Panorama, by focussing critical attention on the Parallel Cinema, has done much to foster the work of new directors. This year the Government made a further advance with a decree that the 21 films shown in the Panorama should be screened on television.

The new crop was a reminder of the problem posed by the subcontinent's variety of languages, with pictures in Bengali, Hindi, English, Assamese, Gujarati, Kannada, Marathi, Punjabi, Tamil and Telegu. English sub-titles have to provide the necessary common language.

Ibsen was enjoying an unexpected vogue with film-makers this year. Satyajit Ray's *An Enemy of the People* has already been seen in London. Undertaken as a not too demanding exercise while Ray was recovering from heart surgery, it adopts a distinctly minimalist style. Even so, one appreciated Ray's skills, seeing the film alongside a long and stagey version of *Little Eyolf*.

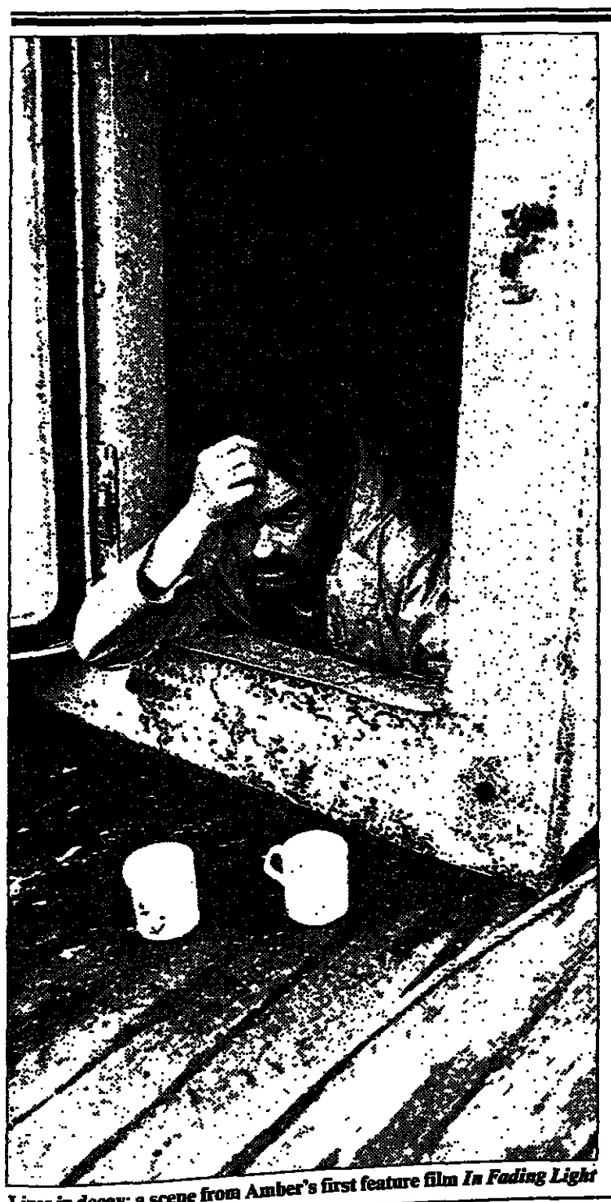
The search for missing persons was a recurrent theme. Shaji's prize-winning *Piravi (The Birth)*, about the family of a student who has disappeared in police custody during Mrs Gandhi's State of Emergency, has already opened in London. In *Suddenly One Day*, by Ray's contemporary Mrinal Sen, it is a university teacher who disappears, leaving his family to discover, in the course of their search, unsuspected aspects of the man they thought they knew so well.

From Kerala, T.V. Chandran's *The Search of Alice* also has a wife searching for her mysteriously disappeared husband. In this case, the director says, there is a touch of autobiography in the reflected personality of the absent character, a man driven, first to drink and then to disappearance, by his inability to face the intellectual and moral challenges of his life.

Perhaps too there is an autobiographical metaphor in an attractive film by the poet and film-maker Buddhadeb Dasgupta, *The Leopard Man*. It tells of a traditional folk dancer who is spurned by his regular village audiences when a flashy new entertainer comes along with dancing girls and a real live leopard in place of the hero's artistic interpretation. The best of the Panorama selection, these films are likely, eventually, to be seen in London.

The festival was the occasion for the inauguration of a new art house in a refurbished Calcutta cinema. Originally built in 1907 as the Elphinstone Picture Palace and subsequently re-named the Minerva, it was officially re-christened, at Satyajit Ray's suggestion, The Chaplin Hall.

In fact Charles Chaplin and his centennial dominated the festival, with packed and enthusiastic audiences for a major retrospective, and with Charlie's image on every bus and hoarding. The indomitable little Tramp seems very much alive and current in Calcutta, where the street people reflect the vitality and courage that the figure itself embodied. A Jesuit father active in the Bengal cinema is currently lobbying for a campaign to take the Chaplin films to the rural communities: "To see these films should not be a privilege," he says; "Good films are the people's right!".



Lives in decay: a scene from Amber's first feature film *In Fading Light*

Film-makers prosper amid the demise of their subject

Peter Guttridge on Amber, a collective film unit which seeks to document the decline of the North

In 1968, a group of young film and photography students meet at the London Film School and decide they want to work together outside the mainstream of the film industry. They move to the north-east of England, live with the local community and pool wages they get from outside jobs to pay for their projects. They are committed to documenting working-class life. So far, so idealistic.

They set up Amber, a collective, non-profit distributor for their work. Their aim is "to record and communicate" so they do not limit themselves to one single medium. Photography, film and animation are all part of their initial repertoire.

Amber never names a film's director or camera person because it is a co-operative and the work is decided as a group. It has negotiated an agreement with the ACCT, the film technician's union, to allow "cross-grade" working. This means a camera person on one production can work as editor of the next. So far, so ideological.

Now, Amber's first fully-fledged feature film, *In Fading Light* (reviewed above), is to be shown at the ICA, along with a retrospective of its other work over the last 20 years. By now Amber is running the Side Gallery, which has an international reputation, as do Amber's documentaries. Amber also runs one of the country's finest picture libraries, a slide-making business, a framing business and a bookshop. It owns a pub, The New Clarenden, and a church, converted into a studio. It owns 14 horses. It makes money.

"We have non-profit distribution, but that doesn't mean we don't make a profit," explains Pat McCarthy, who has been with the co-operative for 13 years. "We've always run small businesses because before Channel 4 we had to bring in the money to pay for our projects. But the money we make goes back into the company."

Amber's entrepreneurial approach extends to the practicalities of film-making. For *In Fading Light*, a realistic drama which charts the demise of the fishing industry around North Shields, the company had money in the budget to hire a fishing boat. Amber bought one instead. "We had it for two years," McCarthy says. "It meant actors and crew could get their sea legs – it gave us much more flexibility." And it was sold at a profit.

Amber's move into fiction has been signalled for some time. Films over the last few years have seen an unusual blending of drama and documentary. *Keeping Time, Double Vision, Seacoal* and *T. Dan Smith* are all films in which real people and events are incorporated into a dramatic narrative structure.

"We've always wanted people to dramatize their own lives," McCarthy says. "For *The Last Shift*, about a group of miners who are trying to run their own coal mine, we employed the miners for a week to work for us down their mine. We had them act their own lives."

Amber is still committed to working with working-class people in the north-east. That commitment is expressed in various ways. One Amber film, *Bykers*, for instance, about a particular part of Newcastle, is a product of 12 years' work with the community there. *Beaches*, which will be completed in the autumn, has developed from 10 years' local research. Members of the co-operative go out every week talking about its work. Films are screened in pubs and regularly in history classes in local schools and colleges.

"The *In Fading Light* project is important locally," McCarthy says, "because the demise of fishing has had a real effect on that community. Third-generation unemployment is a reality here."

Amber's work is gaining increasing recognition. *In Fading Light* was well received at last year's London Film Festival and other work has been screened around the world and won many prizes. Future projects include a feature film about women's darts teams and another about harness racing. Hence the horses.

"We are passionate about harness racing," says McCarthy. "It's very big in America and Australia, but until recently over here it was the kind of thing that had to be done at 5am on deserted motorways. We have 14 horses which we race at agricultural fairs."

This way of getting inside a subject typifies the Amber approach in straight documentary and in fiction. John Grierson, the great documentary film pioneer, spoke of "the creative interpretation of reality". McCarthy says simply: "We always try to capture a community with realism." So far, so good.

VIDEO BOX
Geoff Brown

A weekly selection of films recently released on video. The year refers to the date of first release, or in the case of television films, of first broadcast.

ALL THAT JAZZ (CBS/Fox, 18): Bob Fosse's semi-autobiographical film about a Broadway workaholic (Roy Scheider); full of frantic dancing, Fellini-esque fantasy, open heart surgery, and ballooning pretensions. Energetic, certainly, but a difficult film to like. 1979.

BLUE VELVET (CBS/Fox, 18): Respectable, small-town America ripped apart by the nightmarish imagination of director David Lynch. Kyle MacLachlan is the wholesome hero sucked into a vortex with the local siren (Isabella Rossellini) and evil incarnate (Dennis Hopper). 1986.

A PRAYER FOR THE DYING (Vestron, 15): Mickey Rourke's Ulster accent is astonishingly vivid; little else is. Laboured version of Jack Higgins thriller about an IRA man trying to renounce violence. Mike Hodges directs; Bob Hoskins dons a priest's robes, and Alan Bates chews the scenery as a racketeer. 1987.

THE BLUES BROTHERS (CIC, 15): Wildly indulgent vehicle for John Belushi and Dan Aykroyd, as deadpan rhythm and blues players (characters first developed on *Saturday Night Live*). Exploding with in-jokes and cameos; gleeful direction by John Landis. 1980.

THE COOK, THE THIEF, HIS WIFE AND HER LOVER (Palace, 18): Love, *haute cuisine*, and gruesome revenge worthy of a Jacobean tragedy, served up with Peter Greenaway's usual glacial brilliance. With Richard Bohringer (the cook), Michael Gambon (the gangster thief), Helen Mirren (his wife) and Alan Howard (her lover). 1989.

COOKIE (Guild, 15): Muddled, over-played comedy charting the rise of a mobster's daughter (Emily Lloyd, in a game American debut) bent on vengeance. With Peter Falk, Dianne Wiest; directed by Susan Seidelman. 1989.

EDDIE MURPHY RAW (CIC, 18): Murphy's fast-talking one-man show neatly filmed by Robert Townsend in New York; though nothing can remove the nasty taste of his abrasive onslaughts on women, gays, and Italians. 1987.

THE EXPERTS (CIC, 15): John Travolta and Arye Gross play two New York boobs whisked off to Russia to keep the KGB up-to-date on American life; spirited playing cannot disguise the predictable script. 1989.

LAST RITES (MGM/UA, 18): Seriously overheated melodrama with Tom Berenger miscast as a Catholic priest whose beliefs are compromised by sins of the flesh and family involvement with the Mafia. Written and directed by Donald P Bellisario, co-creator of television's *Magnum P.I.* 1988.

PLANES, TRAINS AND AUTOMOBILES (CIC, 15): Engaging comedy about a mismatched couple (Steve Martin, John Candy) enduring a nightmare journey from New York to Chicago. Written and directed by John Hughes. 1987.

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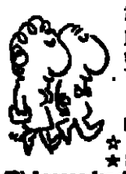

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Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, WC2 (01-836 8108). Tube: Covent Garden. Mon-Sat 7.45-10.30pm, mats Wed and Sat 3-5.45pm. £7-£22.50.

☆ **MY HEART'S A SUITCASE:** Frances Barber in Clare McIntyre's new play tries to sort her life out on a Brighton holiday.
Royal Court Theatre, Sloane Sq, SW1 (01-730 1745). Tube: Sloane Square. Previews tonight until Feb 12 8pm. Opens Feb 13 8pm, then Mon-Sat 8pm, mat Sat 4pm, £4-£12. (D)

☆ **RACING DEMON:** Richard Eyre directs David Hare's new play with Michael Brayant as one of a group of London clergymen trying to do good in their inner-city mission.
National Theatre (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (01-928 2252). Tube: Waterloo. Opens tonight 7pm, then in repertoire, £8.50. (D)

☆ **WHALE:** Maggie Steed, June Watson, Toyah Willcox, Emil Wolk lead a large cast playing whales, Inuit gods and heroes in David Holman's new play for children.

Anna Carteret (above) plays the actress Coral Browne in Alan Bennett's *Single Spies*, playing at the Theatre Royal, Plymouth (see listings). The double bill about Guy Burgess in Moscow and Anthony Blunt at Buckingham Palace, played to capacity houses last year at the National Theatre and then in the West End. It now begins a three-month nationwide tour with David Horovitch as Burgess and Neil Stacy as Blunt. Carteret plays the actress in the first play and the Queen in the second. Norwich, Wolverhampton and Bath are the next three dates in the tour.

National Theatre (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (01-928 2252). Tube: Waterloo. Today 10.30am and 2.30pm, under 16 £3.50, others £8.50. In rep (D)

OUT OF TOWN

LEATHERHEAD: ☆ ***How Steeple Sinderby Wanderers Won the FA Cup:*** Stage version of J.L. Carr's touchingly funny novel.
Thorndike Theatre, Church Street (0372 377677). Mon-Wed 7.30pm, Thurs-Sat 8pm, £5-£9.

LIVERPOOL: ☆ ***Tons of Money:*** Ayckbourn's NT version of the Aldwych farce in which very complicated problems follow a scheme to grab an inheritance.
Playhouse, Williamson Sq (051 709 8363). Mon-Thurs 7.30pm, Fri and Sat 8pm; mat Sat 4pm, £1-£7.50.

PLYMOUTH: ☆ ***Single Spies:*** See picture, below.
Theatre Royal, The Drum (0752 669595). Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mat Sat 2.30pm, £6.50-£10.50.

FILMS

■ **Also on national release**
☎ **Advance booking possible**

LAST EXIT TO BROOKLYN (18): Raw, powerful version of Hubert Selby Jr's once-controversial novel of Brooklyn life, from the director of *Christiane F*, Ulrich Edel. With Stephen Lang, Jennifer Jason Leigh (102 min).
Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 1.20, 3.50, 6.20, 8.50. Late Fri and Sat 11.15.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 1.10, 3.40, 6.00, 8.40.
Odeon West End (01-930 5252/7615). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.05, 8.45. Late Fri and Sat 11.45.
Whiteleys (01-792 3303). Progs 2.00, 4.30, 7.10, 9.40.

PARENTHOOD (12): Episodic heart-warmer from Ron Howard about the joys and sorrows of raising children. Features a large, excellent cast (Steve Martin, Mary Steenburgen, Dianne Wiest, Jason Robards) (114 mins).
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 2.25, 5.35, 8.15. Late Fri and Sat 11.00.
Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2.10, 6.10, 9.05.
Cannon Oxford St (01-636 0310). Progs 2.00, 5.00, 8.15. Late Fri and Sat 11.20.
Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (01-836 8279). Progs 2.15, 5.05, 7.55.
Plaza (01-437 1234). Progs 12.15, 3.00, 5.45, 8.30. Late Fri and Sat 11.15.
Whiteleys (01-792 3303). Progs 1.15, 4.00, 6.45, 9.25.

■ **SHIRLEY VALENTINE (15):** Warm-hearted film with the popular touch; Pauline Collins repeats her stage role as the Liverpool housewife rediscovering romance (108 min).
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.10, 6.10, 9.20.
Minema (01-235 4225). Progs 3.00, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00.
Plaza (01-200 0200). Progs 1.15, 3.45, 6.15, 8.45.

TURNER AND HOOCH (PG): Predictable cop-and-dog antics given some charm by Tom Hanks as the police investigator.
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 1.45, 4.10, 7.10, 9.40.
Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 12.40, 3.20, 6.00.
Odeon Leicester Square (01-930 6111). Progs 12.30, 3.00, 5.30, 8.15.
Whiteleys (01-792 3303). Progs 11.15, 2.00, 4.30, 7.15, 9.45.

■ **WHEN HARRY MET SALLY (15):** Engaging romantic comedy, with Billy Crystal and Meg Ryan as professional Manhattanites who gradually fall for each other. Written by Nora Ephron, directed by Rob Reiner (95 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 1.40, 4.00, 7.20, 9.45.
Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644/5). Progs 1.30, 3.55, 6.25, 8.55. Late today, tomorrow 11.15.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 1.50 (not Sat, Sun), 4.15 (not Sat, Sun), 6.30, 8.50.
Screen on Baker Street (01-935 2772). Progs 2.55, 5.50, 8.30.
☎ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791). Progs 1.50, 4.05, 6.20, 8.35. Late today, tomorrow 11.10.
Whiteleys (01-792 3303). Progs 1.15, 3.45, 6.30, 8.55, tomorrow and Sun 11.30, 1.45, 4.15, 7.00, 9.25.

Scrutinizing Scottish art

Portrait Group (above) by James Cowie is among 250 paintings, drawings and sculptures by more than 100 artists in a new exhibition called "Scottish Art Since 1900", which gives about as comprehensive an account of its subject as we are ever likely to get. There are two major issues which customarily arise when Scottish art comes under scrutiny. The first is concerned with pinpointing the essential Scottishness of it. The second is akin to the first but easier to tie down. It relates to identifying the apparently distinct stylistic traditions of Glasgow and Edinburgh. Cowie, for example, was trained in Glasgow which has, so the argument runs, a history of figurative, narrative art based on sound drawing and hard lines. By contrast, artists from Edinburgh, such as Cadell and Peploe, the Scottish colourists, prefer bright, decorative colours and expressionistic brushwork with ridges of impasto here and there. Of course, such attempts to pigeonhole artists tend to come quickly unstuck, but if the recent renaissance of narrative painting in Glasgow, as exemplified by the work of Steven Campbell, Stephen Conroy, Peter Howson and others is anything to go by such academic theses would seem to be at least worth investigating, if only to shoot them down. You can test them for yourself by visiting *Scottish Art Since 1900*, Barbican Art Gallery, London EC2 (01-638 4141), Mon-Sat 10-6.45pm, Sun 12-5.45pm, Free, until April 16. ***David Lee***

CONCERTS

☆ **SUSTAINED BRUCKNER:** The Hallé Orchestra is conducted by Stanislaw Skrowaczewski in Schumann's Piano Concerto (Peter Donohoe, soloist) and Bruckner's lengthy Symphony No 3.
Free Trade Hall, Peter St, Manchester (061 834 1712), 7.30pm, £2.25-£12.50.

☆ **SALONEN'S SCHOENBERG:** The CBSO is conducted by Esa-Pekka Salonen in Schoenberg's tightly organized symphonic poem *Pelléas und Mélisande* and Brahms's Violin Concerto.
Town Hall, Birmingham (021 236 3889), 7.30pm, £3.60-£13.

☆ **ALL SHOSTAKOVICH:** Raymond Clarke juxtaposes Shostakovich's Piano Sonatas Nos 1 and 2, Fantastic Dances, 24 Preludes and some of the Op 87 Preludes and Fugues.
St John's, Smith Sq, London SW1 (01-22 1061), 7.30pm, £5.

☆ **GRADUATION DANCES:** The National Symphony Orchestra with dancers from the London City Ballet are conducted by David Coleman in a Johann Strauss II evening, with music from *Graduation Ball, Die Fledermaus*, the Cuckoo, Tritsch Tratsch and Thunder and Lightning polkas and much more.
Barbican Centre, Silk St, London EC2 (01-638 8891), 7.45-9.50pm, £5.50-£15.

☆ **BIG BUSINESS:** Wallen's *Big Business* and *Move Out*, Fitkin's *Flak* and *Hucah* and the London première of the complete version of Alberga's *Hill and Gully Ride* are heard from the Nanquidno Group.
Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800), 8pm, £4-£5.

OPERA

☆ **FAUST:** Strong revival of Ian Judge's Gounod production for English National Opera, nicely poised between the humorous and the harrowing. Susan Bullock now joins Arthur Davies and John Tomlinson as the new Marguerite.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 7.30-10.30pm, £3-£33.

☆ **LUCIA DI LAMMERMOOR:** A new production by Stephen Unwin starts Opera 80's tenth anniversary nationwide tour. Ivor Bolton conducts the young travelling cast.
Wyvern Theatre, Swindon (0793 524481), 7.30-10pm, £7-£9.

ROCK

DANIEL LANOIS: French Canadian multi-instrumentalist, renowned for his production work with U2, Peter Gabriel, the Neville Brothers and Bob Dylan (*Oh Mercy*), Lanois released his own début, *Acadie*, to critical acclaim last year.
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-589 8212) 7.30pm, £8.50-£10.50.

★ **ERIC CLAPTON:** After his sterling blues shows with Robert Cray and Buddy Guy, three nights of symphonic rock loom as Clapton recruits the National Philharmonic Orchestra and tackles a concerto for guitar written for him by Michael Kamen (*Edge of Darkness*).
Royal Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (01-589 8212) 7.30pm, £13.50-£17.50, also tomorrow and Sat.

☆ **THE QUIREBOYS:** Five Keef lookalikes slavishly devoted to the Rod Stewart/Faces blueprint as exemplified by the hits "7 o'clock" and "Hey You". Their album, *A Bit of What You Fancy*, only just failed to reach No 1 this week.
Junction 10, Walsall (0922 648100) 7.30pm, £5.

DANCE

☆ **CROSS CURRENTS:** New work by Images Dance Company.
The Place, Dukes Rd, London WC1 (01-387 0031), 8pm, £6.

☆ **LA TRAVIATA:** André Prokovsky's danced version for London City Ballet. **The Hexagon,** Queen's Walk, Reading (0734 390123), 7.30pm, £7.50-£10.50.

☆ **KARIN VYNCKE:** Belgian dancer in her own work *Sous les Vêtements Blancs*.
ICA Theatre, The Mall, London SW1 (01-930 3647), 8pm, £5.60, £6.60.

JAZZ

☆ **YANK LAWSON:** A co-leader of The World's Greatest Jazz Band, the Bob Crosby trumpeter is still going strong at 79.
University College School, Frognal, London NW3 (01-435 2215), 7.45pm, £5 on door. Proceeds to charity.

☆ **FLORA PURIM & AIRTO:** Whistles, drums and fusion as the Latin couple approach the end of their residency.
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith St, London W1 (01-439 0747), 9.30pm, £10 (members £2). To Sat.

☆ **WAYNE BATCHELOR:** The Jazz Warriors/Reggae Philharmonic bassist leads a quartet featuring alto player Brian Edwards.
Bass Clef, 35 Coronet St, London N1 (01-729 2476), 8.45pm, £3.50.

☆ **GEORGE MELLY:** Too often taken for granted, Good Time George and John Chilton's Feetwarmers canter through the blues catalogue.
University of Warwick Arts Centre, Gibbet Hill Rd, Coventry (0203 417417/414924), 8pm, £6.50.

GALLERIES

ALICE MAHER: Recent works exploring the possibilities of combining painting and drawing with installation.
Arts Council Gallery, Bedford St, Belfast (0232 321402), Tues-Sat 10am-6pm free, until March 3.

TOM PHILLIPS: The conceptual artist's portrait paintings of friends and celebrities in the art world.
Mead Gallery, University of Warwick, Coventry (0203 523523), Mon-Fri noon-8pm, Sat 10am-8pm, free, until March 10.

BERNADETTE KERR: Twelve paintings inspired by Italy and its art by a lecturer at the British School in Rome.
Albemarle Gallery, 18 Albemarle St, London W1 (01-355 1880), Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 11am-1pm, free, until March 2.

NEW DIRECTIONS IN SCOTTISH SCULPTURE: Works by ten young artists including Doug Cocker and Elizabeth McFall.
Sculpture Court, Barbican Centre, London EC2 (01-638 4141), free, until April 16.

ABOUT FACE: Figurative paintings and sculptures by, among others, Christopher Greene and Adam Kops.
Sue Williams Gallery, 320 Portobello Rd, London W10 (01-960 6123). Tues-Sat 10am-5.30pm, free, until March 3.

OTHER EVENTS

CRUFT'S DOG SHOW: Highlight of the canine year for breeders, owners and dog lovers with judging in categories. Today: Poise and Utility, tomorrow: Gundogs, Sat: Terriers and Hounds, Sun: Working Dogs and Best in Show.
Earls Court Exhibition Centre, Warwick Rd, London SW5 (01-373 8141). Open daily 8.30am-5.30pm, Admission before 3.30pm adults £5, child £2.25, after 3.30pm, adults £3.50, child £1.

EPHEMERA AND VALENTINE SALE: Photographs and documents from the Amundsen-Ellsworth Polar Flights made in 1925 and 1926 are among the highlights of today's sale. Also interesting lots of ephemera and collected Valentines.
Christie's South Kensington, 85 Old Brompton Rd, London SW7 (01-581 7611), 10.30am.

SALE OF ORDERS, MEDALS AND DECORATIONS: A campaign medal awarded to Sgt Milne, ordered to guard the rum supply shortly before the Zulu attack on Rorke's Drift in 1879, is one of the more interesting items in today's sale. It is estimated to fetch beween £6,000 and £8,000. The latter part of the sale comprises drawing and watercolours relating to the Second World War.
Sotherby's, 34-35 New Bond St, London, W1 (01-493 8080), 2.30pm.

WALKS

LEGAL LONDON – INNS OF COURT AND OLD BAILEY: Meet Temple tube, 10.30am, £3.50 (01-937 4281).

SECRET INTERIORS OF THE ANCIENT CITY: Meet Mansion House tube, 11am, £3.50 (01-937 4281).

A WALK IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF SHERLOCK HOLMES: Meet Baker Street tube, 2.30pm, £3.50 (01-668 4019).

A GHOST PUB WALK: Meet Temple tube, 7.35pm, £3.50 (01-668 4019).

TALKS

SLADE LECTURE: "The Virtues of Women", a lecture by Dr Elizabeth McGrath of the Warburg Institute, London, on Rubens and Ancient History
Oxford University, Lecture Theatre, Taylor Institution, Oxford (Oxford 270009), 5pm, free.

UNIVERSITY LECTURE: "Schoolboys and Students in Ancient Egypt", by Professor J.J. Janssen.
University College London, Darwin Theatre, Gower St, London WC1, 1.15pm, free.

GALLERY LECTURE: John Cooper gives and illustrated lecture on the story behind the painting "The Private of the Old Masters Exhibition at Burlington House, 1888" by Henry Jamyn Brooks.
National Portrait Gallery, Room 24, St Martin's Place, London WC2 (01-930 1552), 1.10pm, free.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

SOUTH BANK IN MARCH: Highlights include Oliver Knussen conducting London Sinfonietta; Contemporary Music Network featuring Hilton Ruiz Ensemble and Electric Phoenix; Melos Quartet and Rostropovich in Silver Jubilee concert; and a Taste of Old Vienna lunch hour concerts of Mozart and Haydn chamber music. Also Maxwell Davies and Szymanowski festivals.
South Bank Concert Halls, London SE1 (01-928 8800). General booking now open.

CHORAL MASTERPIECES: Concert series featuring great works in the choral repertoire, including Bach's Magnificat in D, Verdi and Mozart Requiems, Haydn's *The Creation*, Elgar's *The Apostles*, Orff's *Carmina Burana*, and Bach's *St Matthew* and *St John* Passions. March/April.
Barbican, Silk St, London EC2 (01-638 8891).

LILIAN BAYLIS THEATRE: Feb/March events include Irish week; Islington Independents evening of work by local choreographers as part of third Islington Dance Festival (Feb 28); Bilk Polski Teatr Pantomimy mime company from Poland (March 1-3); flamenco classes, with tapas bar; and Fast Forward, history of the world in one hour of local writers, with poems, dance, photography and mime. March 29-31.
Lilian Baylis Theatre, Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Ave, London EC1 (01-278 8916).

LAST CHANCE

BALINESE PAINTINGS: Exhibition in support of Living Earth's rain forest work. Works for sale.
London Ecology Centre, 45 Shelton St, London WC2 (01-379 4324).

PAUL NASH'S PLACES: Sixty-five paintings, watercolour drawings and photos focusing on the artist's favourite landscapes, to mark centenary of his birth. Ends Sun.
Royal Albert Memorial Museum, Exeter (0392 265858).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; **Films:** Geoff Brown; **Concerts:** Max Harrison; **Opera:** Hilary Finch; **Rock:** David Sinclair; **Jazz:** Clive Davis; **Dance:** John Percival; **Galleries:** David Lee; **Walks and Talks:** Greta Carslaw; **Other Events:** Judy Froshaug; **Bookings:** Anne Whitehouse.

BEST SELLING BOOKS

For the week ending February 3

FICTION			
1	Vineland, Thomas Pynchon	*Secker*	£14.95
2	Sharpe's Waterloo, Bernard Cornwell	*Collins*	£12.95
3	Life With a Star, Jiri Weil	*Collins*	£12.95
4	The Remains of the Day, Kazuo Ishiguro	*Faber*	£10.99
5	Devices and Desires, P.D. James	*Faber*	£11.95
NON-FICTION			
1	Norway 1940, Francois Kersaudy	*Collins*	£15.00
2	The Long Gray Line, Rick Aktinson	*Collins*	£15.00
3	The Pride of Lucifer, Dominic Hobson	*Hamish Hamilton*	£16.95
4	Around the World in 80 Days, Michael Palin	*BBC*	£13.00
5	A Vision of Britain, Prince of Wales	*Doubleday*	£16.95
PAPERBACKS			
1	The Negotiator, Frederick Forsyth	*Corgi*	£ 4.99
2	Cellnet Guide to Hotels and Restaurants Egon Ronay	*AA Publications*	£10.95
3	Good Food Guide, Ed. Tom Jaine	*CA/Hodder*	£11.95
4	My Secret History, Paul Theroux	*Penguin*	£ 4.99
5	Any Old Iron, Anthony Burgess	*Arrow*	£ 3.99
6	1990 Good Pub Guide, Alisdair Aird	*Hodder*	£10.95
7	Bonfire of the Vanities, Tom Wolfe	*Picador*	£ 3.99
8	Good Hotel Guide 1990, Rubenstein	*Hodder*	£11.95
9	Utz, Bruce Chatwin	*Picador*	£ 3.99
10	Book of Evidence, John Banville	*Minerva*	£ 3.99

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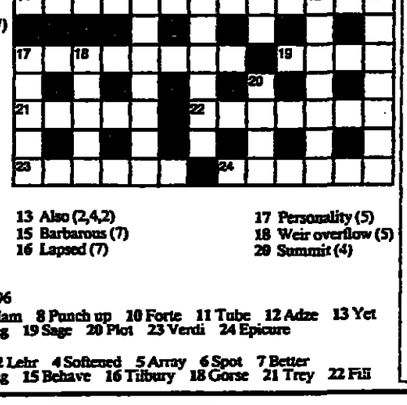

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17 Ingredients (8)
19 Fried potato (4)
21 Coat front edge (5)
22 Foreign new resident (7)
23 Chest (6)
24 Written (6)

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5 Sponge (8)
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8 Skipper (4,7)
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15 Barbarous (7)
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18 Weir overflow (5)
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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 22

SECURIFORM
(b) Axe-shaped, shaped like a wedge or rhombus, mainly botanical, from the Latin *securis* an axe, *secure* to cut + *forma* a form: "Mordellae will open the anthers with the securiform joints of their palpi to get at the pollen."

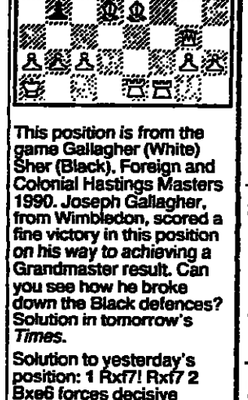
MUSROL
(a) The nose-band of a bridle, from the Italian *muso* a muzzle: "Their Bridles have not Bitts, but a kind of Musrol of two pieces of wood."

EPIZEUXIS
(b) The technical term in rhetoric for the immediate repetition of a word with emphasis or vehemence, from the Greek *epizeuxis* a fastening upon: "It was Maryne, Maryne that wrought mine woe — The Greeks call him *Epizeuxis*, the Latins Subinactio."

CLEITHRAL
(b) Of a temple in the pagan world, having a roof, covered in, from the Greek *kleithron* a bar for closing a door: "A Greek Doric hexastyle, peripteral, and cleithral temple."

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent



This position is from the game Gallagher (White) Sher (Black). Foreign and Colonial Hastings Masters 1990. Joseph Gallagher, from Wimbledon, scored a fine victory in this position on his way to achieving a Grandmaster result. Can you see how he broke down the Black defences? Solution in tomorrow's *Times*.

Solution to yesterday's position: 1 Rxf7! Rxf7 2 Bxe6 forces decisive material gain. (1...Kxf7 2 Bxe6+ Qxe6 3 Rf1).

ENTERTAINMENTS

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM S 836 3161 cc 240 5258 **ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA** Ton't 7.30 **FAUST.** Tomor 7.30 **BEATRICE & BENEDICT.**

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TELEVISION & RADIO

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Ulster's prisoners of war

TELEVISION CHOICE

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● For 25 years or so Michael Grigsby has been a leading name in British documentary-making, gathering a string of awards and much critical acclaim. His approach, in the tradition of Robert Flaherty and Humphrey Jennings, is to treat reality with the imagination of an artist. Grigsby's latest film, The Silent War (Channel 4, 10.15pm), is a portrait of west Belfast which tries to distil the Northern Ireland conflict through the experiences of ordinary people. He captures them talking unselfconsciously in pubs or at home and interweaves these pieces of *ciné-vérité* with powerful images of soldiers patrolling the streets and lyrical evocations of the Ulster

Innocent victim: a little girl sits crying in west Belfast (Channel 4, 10.15pm)

countryside as a peaceful contrast to the besieged city. The death of a 15-year-old schoolboy, killed accidentally by a plastic bullet, points out the theme of innocent victims which pervades much of the film. One of Grigsby's most effective shots, held for several seconds, is of the boy's house, silent and with its windows covered, after the funeral procession has left. There is no commentary, though this is not the same as saying that the words and images are left to speak for themselves. Indeed, the film takes a very clear position, blaming the Northern Ireland deadlock on the politicians in Westminster who have abdicated responsibility for the province and used the troops as a substitute for a policy. This may or may not be the case but it seems a pity that, having set out to avoid the political soap box, Grigsby should end up by standing on one.

● In Notes in the Margin (BBC2, 8.20pm), the series of lively polemics about the 1980s, Stephen Heath argues that a curse of the decade was a spurious multiculturalism. Largely promoted by television, this subsumed genuine, individual cultures into an international pap of game shows, music videos and satellite spectaculars. At the same time, and with the Rushdie affair in mind, Heath questions the power of single cultures and stresses the need for human rights as well as cultural ones. Along the way, echoing Marshall McLuhan's dictum that the medium is the message, Heath takes a swipe at the Eighties' preoccupation with style. For him this is epitomized by the Design Museum, housed in a redevelopment along the Thames having "nothing to do with community, roots or people's lives".

BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax
6.30 BBC Breakfast News with Nicholas Witchell and Jill Dando. Includes regular news headlines; business news; sports reports; regional news; weather and travel information; plus a look at the morning newspapers with Paul Callan **8.55** Regional news and *weather*
9.00 News and weather followed by **Open Air.** Presented from the National Museum of Photography, Film and Television in Bradford
9.20 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject
10.00 News and weather followed by **Going for Gold** (r)
10.25 Children's BBC, introduced by Simon Parkin, begins with **Playdays** (r) **10.50 Roobarb.** Narrated by *Richard Briers (r)* **10.55** *Five to* **Eleven.** Catherine Griller with a reading
11.00 News and weather followed by **Open Air.** Jayne Irving and Eamonn Holmes await viewers' comments on last night's *Q.E.D: Welcome to Fat Camp*, a report from an American slimming camp for overweight children
12.00 News and weather followed by **Daytime Live.** Andy Craig reports from London's Guildhall on the *McDonald's Child of Achievement* Awards. One hundred and fifty children have been chosen from more than 9,000 nominated for their outstanding efforts to help others or their battle to overcome a personal illness or disability **12.55** Regional news and weather
1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. Weather
1.30 Neighbours. Runaway Todd finds there's a heavy price to pay for living on the street. (Ceefax)
1.50 Going for Gold. Henry Kelly hosts another round of the European general knowledge quiz game
2.15 Film: They Won't Believe Me (1947, b/w) starring Robert Young, Jane Greer and Susan Hayward. Standing trial for his life, Larry Ballentine is given the chance to tell the jury what really happened, in a story of greed, lust and murder. Directed by Irving Pichel
3.50 Charlie Chalk (r) **4.05** *Bananaman (r)* **4.15** *Jackanory.* *Michael Williams with part four of* Alison Prince's *How's Business* **4.25** **New Yogi Bear Show 4.35** **Alfonso Bonzo.** Last in the series starring Alex Jennings
5.00 Newsround **5.10** *Blue Peter.* With Yvette Fielding, John Leslie and Diane Louise Jordan. (Ceefax)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax)
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. Weather
6.30 Newsroom South East
7.00 Top of the Pops introduced by Gary Davies (simultaneous broadcast with Radio 1)
7.30 EastEnders. Danny is determined to leave the Square, but who will he take with him — Michelle or his wife? (Ceefax)
8.00 Tomorrow's World. In the first of a series of science reports from the Soviet Union, a look at why it never rains in Red Square on any public holiday. Plus the French electronic device aimed at improving fencing skills. Joining the team is presenter Kate Bellingham
8.30 May to December. Alec moves in with Zoe but everything is far from rosy when Zoe brings home a young male colleague from work and Alec decides to play tit for tat by seeing his old flame "Dangerous" Dollie. (Ceefax)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. Regional news and weather
9.30 One Foot in the Grave. In this last episode it's Victor's 61st birthday, and all he has to mark the occasion are his own personalized tombstone, six pounds of beetroot and a hat that looks as if it once belonged to Tommy Handley. With Richard Wilson and Annette Crosbie.
10.00 Question Time. Peter Sissons is joined around the table by Labour's energy spokesman Frank Dobson; *former Defence Secretary* George Younger; leader of the Scottish Nationalist Party Margaret Ewing; and Liberal Democrat leader Paddy Ashdown
11.00 International Snooker. David Icke *introduces highlights of the Benson* and Hedges Masters tournament from the Wembley Conference Centre. Tonight, the second quarter-final.
12.10am Weather

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am begins with News and Good Morning Britain presented by Richard Keys and, from **7.00**, by Mike Morris and Lorraine Kelly. With news at **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** and **9.00. After Nine** includes Claire Rayner's advice on emotional problems
9.25 Lucky Ladders. Game show hosted by *Lennie Bennett* **9.55** **Thames News** and weather
10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Topical discussion series chaired by Anne Diamond
10.40 This Morning. Magazine programme presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley. Today's edition includes advice on problems facing the over-sixties; Dr Chris Steele on different birthing techniques; and ideas on helping a child learn to read. With national *and international news at* **10.55** and regional news at **11.55** followed by national weather
12.10 The Riddlers. For the young **12.30 Home and Away.** Carly falls for Matt in a big way and decides not to go back to London
1.00 News at One with John Suchet. Weather **1.20 Thames News** and weather
1.30 Wish You Were Here . . . ? (r). (Oracle) **2.00 A Country Practice.** Australian medical drama serial
3.00 *Win, Lose or Draw.* Game show hosted by Danny Baker **3.25** **Thames News** and weather
3.30 Sons and Daughters. More drama from the lives of the Palmer and Hamilton families
4.00 *Hot Dog* **4.15** *Dogtanian and the* **Three Muskehounds** (r) **4.40 Press Gang.** Sam wants a new-look graphics team — but who is going to get rid of Claire? (Oracle)
5.10 Blockbusters with Bob Holness
5.40 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather
6.00 Home and Away (r)
6.25 Thames News and weather
6.50 Thames Help. Jackie Spreckley with ideas on community fund-raising
7.00 Emmerdale. At the Woolpack, young people are on the warpath and Amos faces a rebellion
7.30 Survival: Rocky Mountain High. The flora and fauna of the high Rocky Mountains
8.00 The Bill: Bloodsucker. PC Melvin and WPC Ford are called out to a domestic incident, but the wife *refuses* to bring charges against her husband. (Oracle)
8.30 This Week: Sentence Without Trial. A documentary about people who are incarcerated after being *found "unfit to plead"*
9.00 The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes: The Red-Headed League. Jabez Wilson successfully answers an advertisement for a job vacancy which offers £4 a week *for "nominal services"*. But two months later it is a bewildered man who consults Sherlock Holmes (r). (Oracle)
10.00 News at Ten with Sandy Gall and Julia Somerville. Weather **10.30** **Thames News** and weather
10.35 The City Programme. Will the freeing of Nelson Mandela unlock British investment in South Africa?
11.05 01- for London includes reviews of *A Clockwork Orange*, and Arthur Miller's play *The Price*. Followed by **Crimestoppers**
11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H. Drama serial set in an Australian women's prison
12.30am A Problem Aired. Viewers' emotional problems discussed by experts
1.00 Superstars of Wrestling
1.45 News headlines followed by **Hollywood Wives.** The first part of a mini-series based on Jackie Collins's best-selling novel about Hollywood's beautiful people. While some of the biggest names of all gather for a celebrity gala in Philadelphia, a deranged young man kills his adopted parents and heads for Hollywood to find his real mother. Starring Candice Bergen, Joanna Cassidy, Mary Crosby, Angie Dickinson and Steve Forrest (r)
3.30 Night Gallery: The Waiting Room. Gunfighter Sam Dichter rides past a hanging figure and enters a bar *where poker-playing occupants seem* to know all about his past and his future. Starring Steve Forrest (r)
4.00 News headlines followed by **Three's Company.** Jack and Janet have a new flatmate when *Chrissy's country cousin, Cindy,* drops in unexpectedly during her first visit to the city
4.30 America's Top Ten (r)
5.00 ITN Morning News with Richard Bath. Ends at **6.00**

BBC 2

8.00 News **8.15** Westminster
9.00 Ceefax.
9.20 Daytime on Two: the Black Country **9.40** Secrets **10.00** Structures **10.20** Building a hen house **10.40** Young technologists' challenge **11.00** Tropical rain forests **11.20** Sports using natural forces **11.40** Tutorial topics **12.03** Working as a sales assistant or in the hair and beauty industry **12.25** A teenager leaves home **12.50** For science teachers **1.20** *Fingermouse* **1.40** Music time
2.00 News and weather followed by *Watch* **2.15 Antiques Roadshow** from Leominster (r). (Ceefax)
3.00 News and weather followed by **Westminster Live.** Includes Prime Minister's Question Time **3.50** **News,** regional news and weather
4.00 International Snooker. The *Benson and Hedges Masters*
5.00 It Doesn't Have to Hurt! (r). (Ceefax)
5.10 Horizon: Encounter with Neptune (r). (Ceefax)
6.00 Film: The Black Knight (1954), starring Alan Ladd. John, a castle armourer, disguises himself as a knight and seeks revenge on the Saracens who murdered his master. Directed by Tay Garnett
7.30 Worldwide. *Ghana Coffins* investigates the custom in coastal villages in Ghana of shaping coffins according to the occupation of the deceased; *Our God the Condor* looks at a festival in a remote Andean mountain village
8.20 Notes in the Margin 1980-89: **Face Values** (see Choice)
9.00 The Comic Strip Presents . . . **South Atlantic Raiders**
9.35 40 Minutes: Danger Men. A documentary about a new "kid gloves" experiment on 10 of the most dangerous and disruptive men in Britain's prisons
10.15 A Wake for Sam. Harold Pinter talks about Samuel Beckett and reads from the final pages of Beckett's prose trilogy *The Unnamable*
10.30 Newsnight
11.15 The Late Show includes an interview with Terry Hands **11.55** **Weather**
12.00 Open University: Weekend Outlook **12.05am** Development and Learning. *Ends at* **12.35**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Channel Four Daily
9.25 Schools
12.00 *The Parliament Programme* presented by Sue Cameron
12.30 Business Daily
1.00 Sesame Street. Pre-school learning series
2.00 Film: History is Made at Night (1937, b/w) starring Charles Boyer and Jean Arthur. A head waiter, posing as a thief, saves a young woman from her insanely jealous husband. Directed by Frank Borzage
3.50 Somerset. Animated short
4.00 Not on Sunday presented by Brian Redhead
4.30 Countdown. Today's challenger is Neil Collins, a student from Horsforth
5.00 Treasure Hunt. Anneka Rice gushes around the Hertfordshire countryside (r). (Oracle)
6.00 Club X-tra investigates the latest dance styles and crazes (r)
6.30 Kate and Allie. American comedy starring Susan Saint James and Jane Curtin. This week, Kate plans a romantic weekend to find out if she and her ex-husband were made for each other after all (r)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi
7.50 Comment followed by **Weather**
8.00 Painters to the People. In the final programme of the series, Christopher Wood looks at the Victorian period's most popular paintings
8.30 Brass. Isobel Hardacre becomes Lady Mountfast (r)
9.00 Traffik: The Courier. Extended final episode in which the imprisoned *Fazal's only hope of release* is for his family to become part of the trafficking operation (r). (Oracle)
10.20 True Stories: The Silent War (see Choice)
11.25 Sumo. Japanese wrestling
12.00 Film: Asya's Happiness (1967, b/w). Andrei Mikhalkov-Konchalovsky's outstanding second film, with its realistic depiction of Soviet rural life, was banned for 21 years, only recently being released. Most of the cast are villagers from the film's location; there are only three professional actors including, as Asya, Iya Savvina
1.50am Unknown Woman. Short student film exploring a mother-daughter-lover relationship in contemporary Russia. *Ends at* **2.25**

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES: **6.30pm-7.00** Wales Today **12.10am-12.15** *News and weather* SCOTLAND: **10.58am-11.00** Dotaman **6.30pm-7.00** Reporting Scotland **8.30-9.00** Focal Point: Mad Cow Disease NORTHERN IRELAND: **5.35pm** Sportswide **5.40-6.00** Inside Ulster **6.30** Neighbours **6.58-7.00** Inside Ulster Update **8.30-9.00** Spotlight ENGLAND: **6.30pm-7.00** Regional news magazines

ANGLIA As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** News **6.25-7.00** About Anglia **7.30-8.00** Anglia Reports **10.35** Wideangle **11.05** Gloss **12.05am** Donahue **1.00** Soap **1.30** Film: Uncle Benjamin **3.10** Off the Wall **4.10** Anglia Reports **4.40-5.00** Fifty Years On"

BORDER As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** News **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **5.10-5.40** Home and Away **6.00** Lookaround **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters **7.30-8.00** Bullseye **10.35** Bet You Didn't Know **11.05** Prisoner: Cell Block H **12.05am** Strong Medicine **1.40** Cinemattractions **2.10** America's Top Ten **2.40** Sportsworld **3.40** Big Band TV Disco **4.10** Invisible Man **4.40-5.00** Jobfinder

CENTRAL As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** *News* **3.30-4.00** *Young Doctors* **6.25-7.00** News **10.35** Central Lobby **11.05** 1st Night **11.35** Film: Salem's Lot **1.35am** America's Top Ten **2.10** Cinemattractions **2.40** Hit Man and Her **3.40** Donahue **4.35-5.00** Jobfinder

CHANNEL As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** News **5.10-5.40** Home and Away **6.00** Channel Report **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters **7.30-8.00** Tell the Truth **9.00-10.00** Green and Pleasant Land? **10.40** Facing South **11.15** Prisoner: Cell Block H **12.15am** Guldenberg Inheritance **1.10** Sport **1.40** Film: Double Dare **3.40** Outsiders **4.40-5.00** Fifty Years On"

GRAMPIAN As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** Grampian News **5.10-5.40** Home *and Away* **6.00** *North Tonight* **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters **7.30-8.00** Tell the Truth **10.35** Crossfire **11.05** Crann Tara **11.35** Sin Agadel **12.05** Strong Medicine **1.40** Cinemattractions **2.10** America's Top Ten **2.40** Sportsworld **3.40** Big Band TV Dicso **4.10** Invisible Man **4.40-5.00** Jobfinder

GRANADA As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** News **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.30-7.00** Granada Tonight **7.30-8.00** Green *Life* Guide **10.35** The New **11.05** Crime Story **12.05am** Strong Medicine **1.40** Cinemattractions **2.10** America's Top Ten **2.40** Sportsworld **3.40** Big Band TV Disco **4.10** Invisible Man **4.40-5.00** Jobfinder

HTV WEST As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** News **5.10-5.40** Home and Away **6.00** News **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters **7.30-8.00** Tell the Truth **10.35** West This Week **11.20** Weekend Outlook **11.35** Kojak **12.35am** Film **The Beguiled** 2.30 **Quiz Night** 3.00 **Alfred Hitchcock Presents: The Impatient Patient** 3.25 **Special Squad** 4.20 **Crusade in Europe"** 4.40-5.00 **Jobfinder**

HTV WALES As HTV West except: **6.00-6.30pm** Wales at Six **7.30-8.00** Below the Fold **10.35** Wales This Week **11.05** Rugby **11.35** Wales and Westminster **11.50** Better Late **12.05am-12.35** Cover Story (Kool and the Gang)

SCOTTISH As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** Scotland Today **5.10-5.40** Home and Away **6.00** Scotland Today **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters **7.30-8.00** Scottish Questions **10.35** NB **11.05** Night Flyte **12.05am** Strong Medicine **1.40** Cinemattractions **2.10** Sportsworld **3.40** Big Band TV Disco **4.10** Invisible Man **4.40-5.00** Jobfinder

TSW As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** News **3.27-4.00** Home and Away **6.00** Today **6.30-7.00** Take the High Road **7.30-8.00** Tell the Future **10.35** Prisoner: Cell Block H **12.05am** Strong Medicine **1.40** Cinemattractions **2.10** America's Top Ten **2.40** Sportsworld **3.40** Big Band TV Disco **4.10** Invisible Man **4.50-5.00** Jobfinder

TVS As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** News **5.10-5.40** Home and Away **6.00** Coast to Coast **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters **7.30-8.00** Tell the Truth **9.00-10.00** Green and Pleasant Land? **10.45** Facing South **11.15** Prisoner: Cell Block H **12.15am** Guldenburg Inheritance **1.10** Sport **1.40** Film: Double Dare **3.40** *Outsiders* **4.40-5.00** *Fifty Years On"*

TYNE TEES As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** News **5.10-5.40** Home and Away **6.00** Northern Life **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters **7.30-8.00** Gilbert's Late **10.35** Northern Eye **11.05** Ice Hockey **12.05am** Strong Medicine **1.40** Cinemattractions **2.10** America's Top Ten **2.40** Sportsworld **3.40** Big Band TV Disco **4.10** Invisible Man **4.40-5.00** Jobfinder

ULSTER As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** Newstime **3.30-4.00** Glenroe **5.10-5.40** Home and Away **6.00** Six Tonight **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters **7.30-8.00** Tell the Truth **10.40** Counterpoint **11.10** Head Start **11.40** Twilight Zone **12.05am** Strong Medicine **1.40** Cinemattractions **2.10** America's Top Ten **2.40** Sportsworld **3.40** Big Band TV Disco **4.10** Invisible Man **4.50-5.00** Jobfinder

YORKSHIRE As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** News **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **5.10-5.40** Home and Away **6.00** Calendar **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters **7.30-8.00** Hollywood Sports **10.35** Calendar Commentary **11.05** Time Please **11.35** Crime Story **12.30am** Film: Rape and Marriage — The Rideout Case **2.15** Ski with Klammer **2.35** America's Top Ten **3.05** Cinemattractions **3.35** Music Box **4.30-5.00** Jobfinder

S4C Starts: **6.00am** C4 Daily **9.25** Schools **12.10pm** Pobol Y Cwm **12.30** News **12.35** Chwyrligwgan **1.00** Ordinary People **1.30** Business Daily **2.00** Film: The World Changes" **3.40** Three Stooges" **4.00** Not on Sunday **4.30** Countdown **5.00** I Love Lucy" **5.30** Happy Days **6.00** News **6.15** Hafoc **6.40** Pobol Y Cwm **7.00** Cyfle Byw **8.00** Dinas **8.30** News **8.55** Y Byd Ar Bedwar **9.25** Fideo **10.05** True Stories **11.40** Lobster Comedies" **12.00** Film: Aysa's Happiness" **1.50am** Unknown Woman **2.25** Close

RTE 1 Starts: **12.30pm** Freeze Frame **1.00** News **1.30** Carson's Law **2.30** Secret Life of Machines **3.00** "Live at Three" **4.00** *Emmerdale Farm* **4.30** Onedin Line **5.30** Country Practice **6.00** The Angelus **6.01** Six-one **6.45** Garda Patrol **7.00** Top of the Pops **7.30** Nature of Things **8.00** Matlock **9.00** News **9.30** Today Tonight **10.10** Bibi **11.10** Film: Vampire Hunter **11.35** News, Closedown

NETWORK 2 Starts: **2.30pm** Bosco **3.00** Snorks **3.35** Flintstones **4.05** Pat's Pals **4.30** Happy Birthday **4.45** Wonderstruck **5.25** Dick Turpin **6.00** Jo-Maxi **6.30** Home and Away **7.00** Nuacht **7.08** Cursai **7.30** Dirty Dancing **8.00** Doogie Howser MD **8.30** Marketplace **9.00** Kate and Allie **9.30** Street Legal **10.30** News **10.50** Nighthawks **11.30** Ever Decreasing Circles **12.05am** Close

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SKY CHANNEL

5.00am *International Business Report* **5.30** European Business Channel **6.00** DJ Kat **8.30** Panel Pot Pourri **10.00** The New Price is Right **10.30** The Young Doctors **11.00** Sky By Day **12.00** Another World **1.00pm** As The World Turns **2.00** Loving **2.30** A Problem Shared **3.00** Here's Lucy **3.30** Dennis The Menace **3.45** Captain Caveman **4.00** The Adventures of Gulliver **4.25** Motor Mouse **4.30** The New Leave It to Beaver **5.00** Sky Star Search **6.00** The New Price is Right **6.30** Sale of the Century **7.00** *Beyond 2000* **8.00** *Moonlighting* **9.00** Wiseguy **10.00** Tonight **11.00** Sky News **11.30** Voyagers!

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
5.00am International Business Report **5.30** European Business Channel **6.00** International Business Report **11.30** International Business Report **1.30pm** NBC Today **2.30** Parliament Live **3.15** PM's Question Time **3.30** Parliament Live **4.30** NBC Today **5.00** Live At Five **6.30** Beyond 2000 **7.30** The Reporters **8.30** Frank Bough **9.30** Target **10.30** The Reporters **11.30** NBC Nightly News **12.30am** Frank Bough **1.30** Target **2.30** The Reporters **3.30** Frank Bough **4.30** *Target*

SKY MOVIES

From **8.00am The Shopping Channel**
2.00pm *I Don't Know Who I Am*: An adopted teenager decides to find out who her real parents are
3.00 The Rocking Chair Rebellion: A teenager learns to respect the older generation
4.00 Top Cat and the Beverly Hills Cats: *Animated tale*
6.00 Ernest Goes to Camp (1987): A bumbling handyman is desperate to become a camp counsellor
7.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.00 Can't Buy Me Love (1987): A teenager buys the affections of the school's leading cheerleader for a week
9.40 Projector: Forthcoming movies on Sky
10.00 Those Dear Departed (1987): An actor returns to haunt his murderous wife
11.45 Angel Unchained (1970): An ex-biker (Don Stroud) joins a hippie commune with his girlfriend (Tyne Daly)
2.00am The Deliberate Stranger — Part One (1986): Chronicles the story of mass murderer Ted Bundy
4.00 The Shout (1979): A young man claims he can kill with a shout. Ends at **5.20am**

EUROSPORT

5.00am As Sky One **8.30** Menu **9.00** Football **11.00** Boxing **1.00pm** Golf: Jamaica Classic **2.00** Badminton **3.00** Golf: US Skins Game **5.00** Golf: Jamaica Classic **6.00** Mobil Motor Sport News **6.30** Trax **7.00** Basketball **9.00** Ford Snow Report **9.05** Ice Hockey **11.00** Adventure Hour **12.00** Bodybuilding

MTV

6.00am Kristiane Backer **11.00** Remote Control **11.30** Club MTV **12.00** Kristiane Backer **1.00pm** Marcel Vanthilt **4.00** 3 from 1 **4.15** Marcel Vanthilt **4.30** Coca-Cola Report **4.45** Marcel Vanthilt **5.00** Remote Control **5.30** Ray Cokes **7.30** Club MTV **8.00** The Big Picture **8.30** Headbangers Ball **10.00** Coca-Cola Report **10.15** Maiken Wexo **1.00am** Night Videos

SCREENSPORT

7.00am *Powersports* **8.00** *Ice Hockey* **10.00** US PGA Golf **12.00** 1989 Ultimate Yacht Race **12.45pm** French Rugby League **2.15** Spain Spain Sport **2.30** US College Basketball **4.00** Spanish Soccer **6.00** 1989 Water Polo **7.30** Update; 1989 *Argentina Football* **9.15** Pro Bowlers **10.30** US Basketball **12.00** Powersports

LIFESTYLE

10.00am Fitness Minute **10.01** Search for Tomorrow **10.30** Slim Cooking **10.55** Spain Spain Holiday **11.00** Coffee Break **11.10** Edge of Night **11.35** The Great American Gameshows **12.50pm** Style File **12.55** Sally Jessy Raphael **1.50** The Rich Also Cry **2.40** Search for Tomorrow **3.05** Tea Break **3.10** *Cinema* **4.45** The Great American Gameshows

● Full information on satellite TV programmes is available in the weekly magazine, TV Guide.

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and **MW**
News on the half-hour from **5.30am** until **4.30pm**, then at **7.30, 8.30** and **10.00pm**
6.00am Jakki Brambles **8.30** Simon Mayo **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** News '90 **6.00** Mark Goodier **7.00** Top of the Pops (with BBC1) **7.30** Philip Schofield **8.30** John Peel **10.00** Nicky Campbell **12.00-2.00am** Richard Skinner

RADIO 2

FM Stereo and **MW**
News on the hour
Headlines **5.30am, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30**
4.00am Alex Lester **5.30** Chris Stuart **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05pm** David Jacobs **2.00** *Gloria Hunniford* **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** The Best in Country Music **9.05** Paul Jones **10.00** Pull the Other One! **10.30** The Houghton Weavers **11.05** Round Midnight **1.00am** Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

5.00am Morgenmagazin 5.35 News in *German;* Headlines in English and French 5.47 Sports News 5.50 Financial News 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Londres Matin 7.00 World News 7.09 24 Hours; News Summary and Financial News 7.30 Write On 7.45 Network UK 8.00 World News 8.09 Words of Faith 8.15 The Voyages of Captain Cook 8.30 John Peel 9.00 World *News 9.09 Review of the* British Press 9.15 The World Today 9.30 Financial News: Sports Roundup 9.45 Society Today 10.00 News Summary 10.01 Assignment 10.30 You Asked For It 11.00 World News 11.09 News about Britain 11.15 New Ideas 11.25 Book Choice 11.30 Londres Midi 12.00 Newsreel 12.15pm Multitrack 2 12.45 *Sports Roundup* 1.00 World News 1.09 24 Hours; News Summary and Financial News 1.30 Network UK 1.45 Jazz Scene UK 2.00 World News: Outlook 2.30 Off the Shelf: The Lost Domain 2.45 Write On 3.00 Newsreel 3.15 The Pleasure's Yours 4.00 World News 4.09 News about Britain 4.15 BBC English 4.30 Heute Aktuell 5.00 World *News 5.09 Commentary* 5.15 The World Today 5.30 Londres Soir 6.14 News Headlines in English 6.15 BBC English 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.00 German Features 7.54 Nachrichten 8.00 World News 8.09 The World Today 8.25 Words of Faith 8.30 Meridian 9.00 News Summary 9.01 Sports Roundup 9.15 Seven Seas 9.30 Stories by Katherine Mansfield *9.45 Write On* 10.00 Newshour 11.00 World News 11.05 Commentary 11.10 Financial News 11.15 Music Review 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30am Gold and Silver 1.00 News Summary 1.01 Outlook 1.25 Financial News 1.30 Jazz Scene UK 1.45 Stories by Katherine Mansfield 2.00 World News 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 Seven Seas 2.30 So Much Blood 3.00 World News 3.09 News about Britain 3.15 The World Today 3.30 Focus on Faith 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 The World Today 4.45 Nachrichten und Presseschau

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather and News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Debussy (Petite suite: Alfons and Aloys Kontarsky, pianos); Vivaldi (Double Cello Concerto in G minor, RV 531: I Musici de Montréal, directed by Yuli Turovsky, cello, Alain Aubut, cello)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Grieg (Holberg Suite: Scottish Baroque Ensemble *under Leonard Friedman*); Debussy (Sonata for flute, viola and harp: Members of the Academy of St Martin Chamber Ensemble); Ivert (Concertino da camera for alto saxophone and 11 instruments: Paul Kuentz CO)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Haydn — Music of the 1780s. Concerto in G for two *lire organizzate*, H VIIh 3 (Hugo Ruf, lira, Susanne Lautenbacher and Ruth Nielen, violins, Franz Beyer and Heinz Berndt, violas, Oswald Uhl, cello, Johannes Koch, viola da gamba, Wolfgang Hoffman and Helmuth Irmscher, horns); Sonata in C, H SVI 48 (Andras Schiff, piano); Symphony No 82 "Bear" (Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment)
9.35 Sibelius: Langnam CO under John Beckett performs Andante festivo; Two Humoresques, Op 86; Four Humoresques, Op 89; Rakastava, Op 14)
10.15 *Charpentier: Occasional* Music. London Baroque, with Emma Kirkby and Evelyn Tubb, sopranos, Rogers Covey-Crump and Nigel Rogers, tenors, performs Idyle sue le retour *de santé du Roi; Epitaphium* Carpentarij
10.50 Son and Nephew: Musicians of the Royal Exchange perform F.X. Mozart (Piano Quartet in G minor, Op 1); Rubin Goldmark (Piano Quartet) (r)
11.40 BBC Scottish SO under Grant Llewellyn performs Schumann (Overture, Scherzo and Finale); Haydn (Cello Concerto in C); *Shostakovich* (Symphony No 1)
1.00pm News
1.05 Bristol Lunchtime Concert: Live from St George's, Brandon Hill, Bristol. The pianist Claude Frank performs Schubert (Sonata in G, D 894); Chopin (Waltz in C sharp minor, Op 64 No 2; Fantasy in F minor, Op 49)

Peter Donohoe: conversation and solo (R3, 7.05/7.30pm)

2.00 Le Roi d'Ys: French Radio PO and Chorus under Armin Jordan, with Jean-Philippe Courtis, bass, Dolorès Ziegler, soprano, Barbara Hendricks, soprano, Eduardo Villa, tenor, Marcel Vanaud, baritone, Michel Piquemal, bass, Philippe Bohée, baritone, perform Edouard Lalo's opera in three acts. Sung in French
4.10 Opus 20 String Ensemble under Scott Stroman performs Mendelssohn (Octet in E flat, Op 20); Ireland (Concertino pastorale)
5.05 Wind Soloists of the CO of Europe perform Mozart (Serenade in C minor, K 388) (r)
5.30 Mainly for Pleasure with *Roger Nichols*
7.00 News
7.05 *Third Ear: Michael Hall in* conversation with Peter Donohoe, the soloist in this evening's Hallé concert from Manchester
7.30 *Hallé Orchestra under* Stanislaw Skrowaczewski, with Peter Donohoe, piano, performs Schumann (Piano Concerto in A minor) **8.00** Conducted Tour. Howard Goorney reads a story from *Robert Roberts's The Classic Slum*, which depicts Salford early in the century **8.15** Bruckner, ed Novák (Symphony No 3 in D minor)
9.30 King Cutler V: With Phyllis King and Ivor Cutler
10.10 Music in Our Time: Two Americans. Spectrum under Guy Protheroe performs Druckman (Incenters for 12 players); Wuorinen (New York Notes for seven players)
11.00 Composers of the Week: Alan Rawsthorne and Malcolm Williamson (r)
12.00 News **12.05am** Close

RADIO 4

LW (s) Stereo on **FM**
5.55am *Shipping Forecast* **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day (s) **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament **8.57** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Face the Facts (r)
9.30 All in the Mind: Professor Anthony Clare with the magazine devoted to matters of the mind
10.00 News; The Natural History Programme: Presented by Fergus Keeling and Jessica Holm
10.45 An Act of Worship (s)
11.00 *News; Citizens*
11.25 My Heroes: Cliff Morgan talks to playwright and actor Colin Welland (see Choice)
11.50 First Person: Series of talks by first-time broadcasters. This week, during a bike ride between Featherstone and Hull, Ian Clayton rediscovers his childhood
12.00 News; You and Yours: John Howard presents a special programme on the art of complaining
12.25pm The Senses: Six plays by Bob Sinfield. 6: Sixth Sense (s) (r) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: Ann Winterton, MP, and Dr Ruth Curson discuss the Human Fertilization and Embryology Bill; the model and actress Jerry Hall talks about her career and her role in the *play Bus Stop*; and a feature on the portrayal of Cleopatra throughout history
3.00 News; Getting to Know Mr Schmeigelow: Play by Peter Terson (s) (see Choice)
4.00 *News*
4.05 Bookshelf: Nigel Forde meets Brian Inglis and leafs through the latest collection of Mavis Gallant's short stories, and A.N. Wilson discusses his biography of *C.S. Lewis*
4.35 Kaleidoscope: Jim Hiley reviews *A Clockwork Orange* at the Barbican Theatre; Duncan Bull on the Wright of Derby exhibition at the Tate Gallery; and an item on the Asian production of *Tartuffe* at the National Theatre (s) (r)
5.00 PM **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** *Weather*
6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report
6.30 Film Star: In the first of eight programmes, Alexander Walker profiles Humphrey Bogart (r)
7.00 News **7.05** The Archers
7.20 Soundtrack: Part 6: Shooters. Nick Baker talks to people who are either professional or amateur gun users and, in one case, a convicted bank-robber (s)
8.00 Analysis: Look No Arms! Eastern European instability and Third World nuclear proliferation may pose a threat to planned cuts in Western defence. Professor *Laurence Martin* chairs a discussion on the options open to the West in the face of the changing world political climate
8.45 Does He Take Sugar? Magazine for people with disabilities. Presented by Kati Whitaker
9.15 Kaleidoscope: Includes reviews of Uno Chiyo's book *Confessions of Love* and David Hare's new play *Racing Demon* at the Cottesloe Theatre, London; and Ian Christie provides a round-up of Third World films, including *Yaaba, Piravi* and *Sur* (s)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight with David Sells (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Love Lessons, by Joan Wyndham (4 of 10)
11.00 The Blackburn Files: Five-*part amateur detective* spoof by Ian McMillan, Martin Wiley and Dave Sheesby. Part 1: A Case of Making Good. A mysterious parcel of £10 notes is received by a rich woman. *With Fine-Time Fontayne* as Stephen J. Blackburn and Judy Flynn as Tracey (1) (s)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.30am News, incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast
FM as **LW** *except:*
9.05-10.45am For Schools (s) **11.00-12.00** For Schools (s) **1.55pm** Listening Corner (s) **2.05-3.00** For Schools (s) **5.50-5.55** PM (cont) **12.30-1.10am** Open University: **11.30** School Management **11.50** Musical Drama and Classical Style **12.30-1.10** Night School

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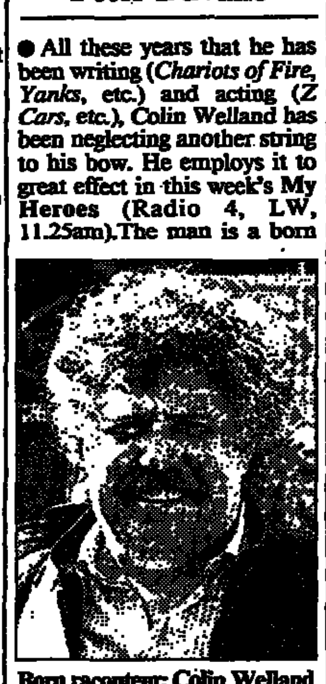
RADIO CHOICE

Peter Davalle

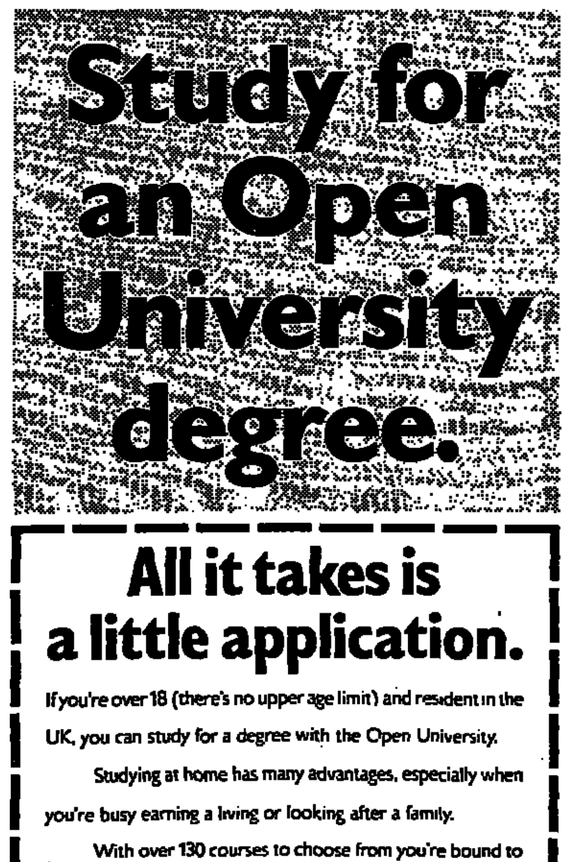
● All these years that he has been writing (*Chariots of Fire, Yanks*, etc.) and acting (*Z Cars*, etc.), Colin Welland has been neglecting another string to his bow. He employs it to great effect in this week's My Heroes (Radio 4, LW, 11.25am).The man is a born



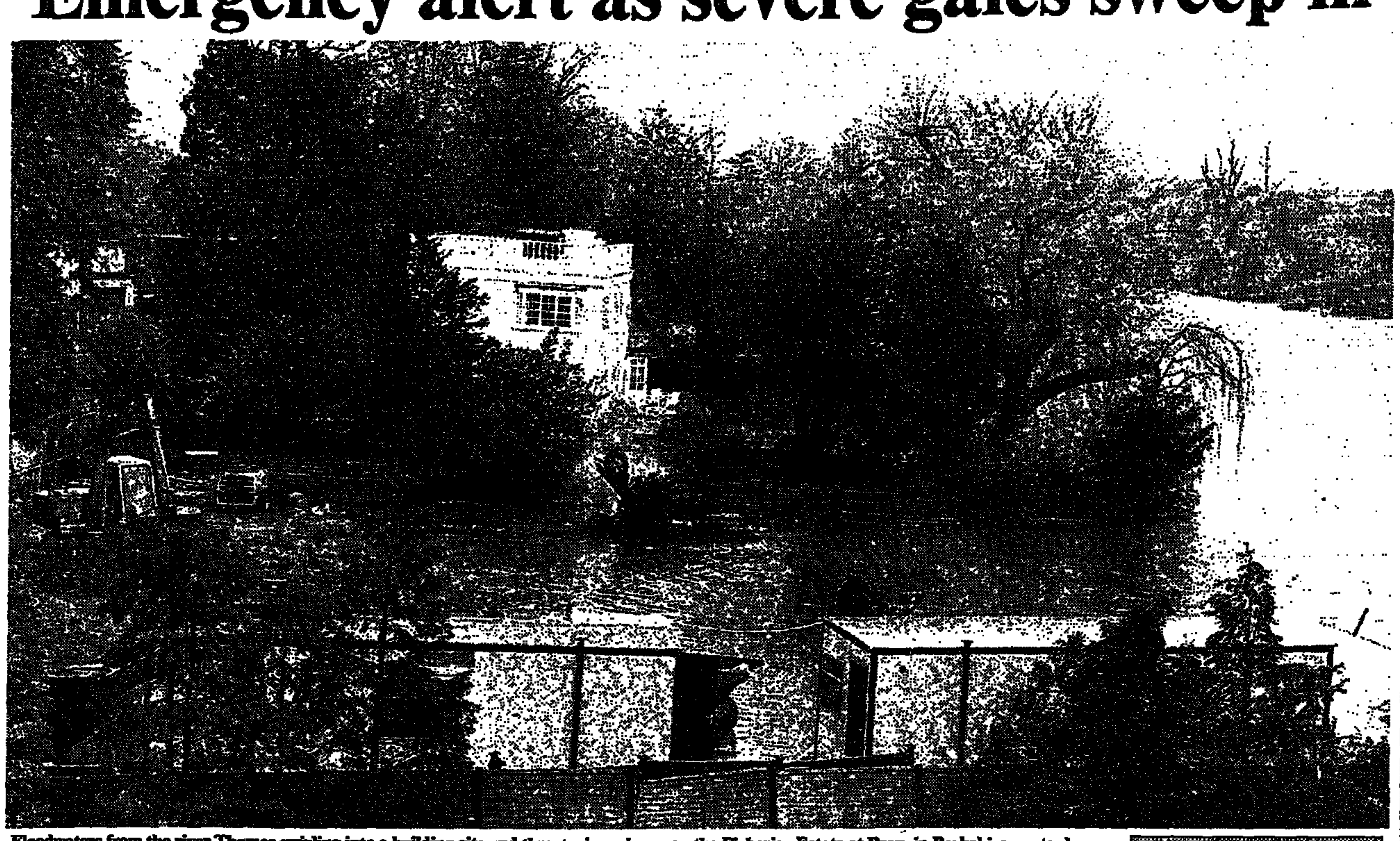
Born raconteur: Colin Welland reminisces (R4, LW, 11.25am)

raconteur, and his stories don't just have the ring of truth; they play a whole peal of bells. BBC Radio should give him a story-teller's series of his own before somebody else does and, to set the wheels in motion, I offer a title: *Welland Truly*. His actor-writer skills are in evidence this morning in his reminiscences about Lord (formerly Donald) Soper, actors Richard Burton and Ian Charleson, and rugby league winger Brian Bevan.

● Getting to Know Mr Schmeigelow (Radio 4, 3.00pm) is actually Getting to Know Mr Beaton. In Peter Terson's play, we learn little about the eponymous Danish tradesman, but quite a lot about Cecil Beaton, who worked briefly, and reluctantly, as a junior clerk in his office. This is not a rounded-off play, but it is not without interest as an extended biographical footnote.



Emergency alert as severe gales sweep in



Floodwaters from the river Thames swirling into a building site and threatening a home on the Fisheries Estate at Bray, in Berkshire, yesterday.

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Wales some roads were under five feet of water. Homes and shops were flooded and British Rail services from Cardiff to Aberdare were halted. Mountain Ash was marooned when as the River Cynon burst its banks. In Cardiff low-lying areas were on alert.

In Gwent, road and rail routes were disrupted. A South Wales police spokesman described road conditions as "abysmal", and advised people to stay indoors. In the West Country five Marines who required urgent medical attention for hypothermia were rescued from Dartmoor by helicopter, but conditions were so bad that another 10 had to stay overnight on the moor.

Police imposed a ban on high-sided vehicles using the Severn Bridge after two vans were blown over and scores of roads were blocked by fallen trees.

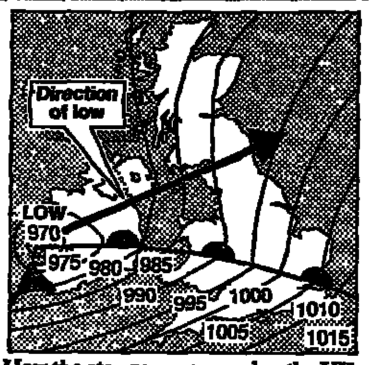
Flood warnings were issued on nine rivers, with three — the Dart, the Axe and the Teign — already bursting their banks. The National Rivers Authority said the Wiltshire Avon was close to bursting its banks. Thousands of acres of farmland were under water.

Preston Beach Road in Weymouth, Dorset, was closed after waves hurled tons of shingle over the sea wall. In Somerset, more than 300 homes were without power as heavy winds brought down cables.

Dover coastguards reported winds of up to 71mph. Cross-Channel hovercraft and Jetfoil services were cancelled. Folkestone harbour was closed and ferry sailings halted.

In Newbury, Berkshire, the roof of a recreation centre blew down on children. More than 1,500 homes in the Liphook, Hindhead, Haslemere areas of Hampshire and Surrey were blacked out.

A red alert was in force along the Thames between Wallingford, near Oxford, and Teddington, Middlesex. More than 6,000 sandbags were issued to householders in Windsor. It flooded at Maidenhead,



How the storms were crossing the UK

Kohl's currency triumph in new stampede to unity

From Ian Murray, Bonn

In what is becoming a stampede to unity, the powerful, independent Bundesbank yesterday agreed to help smooth the way for a quick currency union between the two Germanies in an effort to save the East German economy from total collapse.

Yesterday a sceptical Herr Karl Otto Pöhl, the bank's president, agreed to join a special committee being set up to prepare for a Deutschmark takeover of the East German currency. Only hours before, he had been telling West German television that quick currency union was "illusory". His change of heart came after attending a Cabinet session yesterday when Herr Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, argued forcefully that only the rapid replacement of East Germany's worthless currency by the strong Deutschmark would provide the confidence needed to stop the flood of economic refugees pouring west at more than 2,000 a day. (In Bremen the flow has caused such an acute housing shortage that refugees are being accommodated in prison cells).

Herr Kohl is believed to have promised to insist next Tuesday, when he meets Herr Hans Modrow, the East German Prime Minister, that a free market economy must be introduced at once. Herr Pöhl would also like to see an early undertaking to reform the East German taxation system and to end the huge state subsidies there. Only in those circumstances does he believe that currency union can succeed in stabilizing the economy, in encouraging Western investment and thus in stopping the flow of refugees.

At best such reforms will take time to have effect and it is doubtful if they could be successfully introduced before the East German election on March 18.

The Bundesbank president, who would have to administer currency union, is still worried that the strength of the Deutschmark would be undermined by a hasty merger. Nevertheless, under urging from Herr Kohl, he agreed to take part in the exercise.

Gorbachov's revolution

Monopoly on power ends

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that the strength of the party lay in its unity, and gave warning of the dangers of the party becoming "an amorphous organization like a political club" before calling for the expulsion of party members who took part in "anti-socialist nationalist organizations".

Earlier, he had defended himself against allegations that he had decided to use force against civilians in Tbilisi without President Gorbachov's knowledge. The decision, he said, had been taken unanimously by the Politburo, "including Gorbachov, Ryzhkov, and comrades Yakovlev and Shevardnadze".

The Tbilisi incident, in which more than 20 people were killed and several hundred injured by toxic gas, has become a stick with which reformists have tried to beat the conservatives.

By associating Mr Gorbachov and two leading politburo reformers with the decision, Mr Ligachov was effectively questioning the good faith of his ideological opponents.

Some of Mr Ligachov's strongest words, however, were reserved for the German question. There was a growing danger, he said, in forcing the pace on German reunification — "in effect the swallowing-up of the German Democratic Republic".

"It would be unforgiveably shortsighted and mistaken not to see on the horizon the possibility of a Germany with a colossal economic and military potential," Mr Ligachov said. The world had to be mobilized to prevent a "new Munich".

Mr Shevardnadze, who has long seemed less sanguine about German reunification than Mr Gorbachov, echoed some of Mr Ligachov's sentiments, saying: "The ghost of revanchism is walking Europe arm-in-arm with ideas of unity and unification. The new status of the German question has aroused dangerous hopes for the revision of frontiers."

But later, as his talks with Mr Baker began, he said that Moscow was willing to discuss with Bonn West German proposals for a united Germany that would be a member of Nato.

Political sketch

Very little ado about not much

"Mr Speaker our relations with Papua New Guinea are good." From the Commons Chamber one could not hear the cheers on the floor of the Stock Exchange as dealers went crazy at the news. But the wires buzzed: "Junior Minister Francis Maude dispels doubts over relations with Papua New Guinea. Buy guano-futures. Sell shrunken heads."

Young Mr Maude is the Government's leading practitioner of minimalist prose. A dry chap, his minimalism is underlined by a minimalist physique and increasingly minimalist hair. Yet he has a sure touch. He would not be drawn on the Papua New Guinean economy, about which Salisbury's Robert Key had asked. It's a big issue, in Salisbury.

Douglas Hurd was more playful. "I rather think" said the Foreign Secretary to Bowen Wells (C, Hertford & Stortford), wagging a rhetorical finger in a manner that was half scolding and half coquettish, "that my honourable friend is subtly leading me from drugs to bananas."

Mr Wells was anxious to encourage "crop-substitution" in the drug-producing world. Apparently you take groups of the Bolivian peasantry aside and explain that it would be much better if they would grow sprouts, at 5 pesos a bushel, than coca-leaves, at 100 pesos an ounce.

Mr Hurd dealt equally playfully with Mrs Teresa Gorman (C, Billericay) who had asked why we did not give independence to Hong Kong. "In my recent visit to Hong Kong" replied Hurd amiably, "I did not meet anybody who shared that view". Everybody laughed.

It is always safest to laugh at Mrs Gorman, otherwise one might have to answer her. And indeed the proposition that we should launch Hong Kong as an independent state is preposterous. But *why?*

It is instructive that this is never explained but rather chuckled-off with a sort of "Ho, ho! Of course we don't need to say why..."

But perhaps we do. Perhaps it would be better if the H.M. Government explained that we are ceding Hong Kong where we defended Port Stanley for the simple reason that if we do not give it to China pretty quickly, China will take it anyway: and, unlike Argentina, China would beat us.

Perhaps the Foreign Office think this idea has not occured to Peking and we had better not put it into their heads?

So both sides of the House subscribe to the (implicit) bluff that the People's Republic are dealing with a real, not a paper lion. The Foreign Secretary earnestly disputes with his Labour Shadow, Gerald Kaufman, over the right pace of democratization in the colony — as though the future had anything to do with us. It's sensible diplomacy but it's intellectually nauseating.

Much of the time remaining was spent in heated argument about whether the South African president, Mr de Klerk, had shifted because Mrs Thatcher had been understanding to him, or because the rest of the world had been beastly. As it is as plain as day that you need both, the matter is incapable of determinate conclusion and therefore very suitable for parliamentary debate. You might as well ask whether it was Mutt, or Jeff, who secured the prisoner's confession. This one will run and run.

As will the cant about refugees — sorry, "migrants" — sorry, the word *is* "refugees" as we're dealing with Russia. The Liberal Spokesman, Sir Russell Johnston, had asked Minister of State William Waldegrave about the problems Russian refugees were having in getting into America.

William Waldegrave approaches his brief with a sort of Wittgensteinian intensity. Brow furrowed, and haltingly, he offered a thought of which the great philosopher himself would have been proud.

"The right to leave a country" the minister observed, "is not the same as a country's basic right to refuse access."

Mr Waldegrave had just defined for the first time a hitherto unsuspected element of Natural Law: the fundamental human right to spend the rest of your life in the transit lounge at Kennedy International Airport.

Matthew Parris

King refuses assistance

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a matter for an independent inquiry conducted confidentially."

This confirms the Government's stand that the only inquiry needed is that by Mr David Calcutt, QC, into Mr Wallace's dismissal from the Civil Service.

The defence committee will meet next week to decide which officials to question. But it has not ruled out ordering Mr King and Mr Wallace to give evidence.

If Mr King defies requests for co-operation, it will provoke an unprecedented breach of relations between the committee and the Ministry of Defence.

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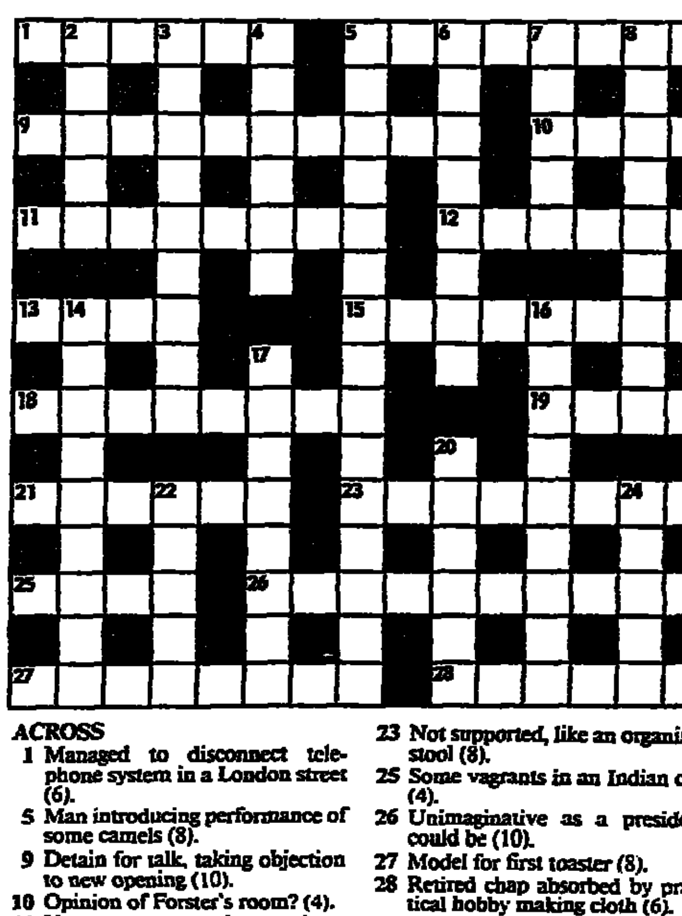


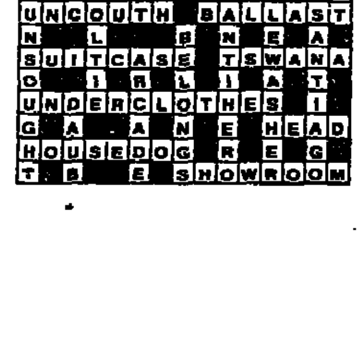
ACROSS

1 Managed to disconnect telephone system in a London street (6).
5 Man introducing performance of some camels (8).
9 Detain for talk, taking objection to new opening (10).
10 Opinion of Forster's room? (4).
11 Young gangster unhappy about family having explosive (8).
12 Agreement obtained from doctor by youth leader (6).
13 Came to blows, say, in the trading-station (4).
15 University involved in dissection of Latin American mollusc (8).
18 Resolute beginning restricts law-breaking (8).
19 A noble fist! (4).
21 For Caesar this vessel caused a temporary setback (6).
23 Not supported, like an organist's stool (8).
25 Some vagrants in an Indian city (4).
26 Unimaginative as a president could be (10).
27 Model for first toaster (8).
28 Retired chap absorbed by practical hobby making cloth (6).

DOWN

2 Vehicle traffic (5).
3 Clear up in a South African province before making a delivery (9).
4 Creature put on explanatory diagram (6).
5 Sensational mistake, admitted don — had to correct it (5-3-7).
6 Loony found under large box — a well-worn joke! (8).
7 Sound assessment of a theatre show (5).
8 Filled with wonder, as we may be before 2 (9).
14 Unacceptable strictness, we hear, in a boat (9).
16 Vulgarity of one style of furnishing accepted by miners (9).
17 They're played by ugly old women around Fife (8).
20 A vehicle embittered extremists maltreated (6).
22 A pile farmers make — and make fast! (5).
24 Lightweight girl first to perform (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,211



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WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

SECURIFORM
a. Security guard's uniform
b. Axe-shaped
c. Free from trouble

MUSROL
a. A nose-band
b. A portable bed
c. An aromatic oil

EPIZEUXIS
a. A chariot yoke
b. Emphatic repetition of a word
c. A chain bridge

CLEITHRAL
a. In the second half of the year
b. Roofed over
c. A knock-down, clinching argument

Answers on page 20

AA ROADWATCH

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London & SE traffic, roadworks

C. London (within N & S Circs.)	731
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National traffic and roadworks

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WEATHER

A very strong westerly airflow covers Britain. Rain and very windy weather at first in eastern England and eastern Scotland, possibly storm force on exposed parts of the east coast. Later all Britain will have sunny intervals and showers; the showers most frequent in northern and western areas. It will feel colder. Outlook: Unsettled, wet and windy.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	18	61	s	Majorca	17	63	s
Akrotiri	14	57	f	Malaga	20	68	s
Alex'dria	16	61	f	Malta	15	59	f
Algiers	20	68	s	Melb'rne	-	-	-
Amst'dm	11	52	c	Mexico C*	-	-	-
Athens	9	48	c	Miami*	26	79	c
Bahrain	18	64	s	Milan	6	43	s
Barbados*	-	-	-	Montreal*	-	-	-
Barcelna	15	59	s	Moscow	2	36	c
Belgrade	10	50	s	Munich	14	57	s
Berlin	12	54	s	Nairobi	27	81	f
Bermuda*	18	64	f	Naples	14	57	s
Biarritz	19	66	f	N Delhi	20	68	f
Bordo'x	15	59	c	N York*	11	52	s
Brussels	11	52	c	Nice	15	59	f
Budapst	10	50	s	Oslo	6	43	r
B Aires*	-	-	-	Paris	11	52	c
Cairo	16	61	f	Peking	2	36	s
Cape Tn	29	84	s	Perth	32	90	f
C'blanca	20	68	s	Prague	7	45	s
Chicago*	4	39	f	Reykjvik	1	34	f
Ch'church	17	63	c	Rhodes	13	55	c
Cologne	11	52	f	Rio de J	26	79	s
C'phagn	7	45	f	Riyadh	16	61	s
Corfu	14	57	s	Rome	14	57	s
Dublin	7	45	r	Salzburg	12	54	s
Dubrovnik	4	39	s	S F'risco*	9	48	f
Faro	16	61	c	Santiago*	-	-	-
Florence	12	54	s	S Paulo*	-	-	-
Frankfurt	12	54	f	Seoul	2	36	s
Funchal	20	68	s	Sing'por	-	-	-
Geneva	12	54	f	St'kholm	7	45	f
Gibraltar	19	66	s	Strasb'rg	12	54	c
Helsinki	4	39	s	Sydney	-	-	-
Hong K	19	66	c	Tangier	21	70	s
Innsbrck	9	48	s	Tel Aviv	14	57	f
Istanbul	7	45	f	Tenerife	12	54	s
Jeddah	23	73	c	Tokyo	8	46	r
Jo'burg*	22	72	f	Toronto*	3	37	c
Karachi	25	77	s	Tunis	18	64	f
L Palmas	26	79	s	Valencia	17	63	f
Le Tquet	12	54	c	Vanc'ver*	4	39	c
Lisbon	16	61	c	Venice	3	37	c
Locarno	9	48	s	Vienna	7	45	s
L Angels*	14	57	s	Warsaw	10	50	s
Luxembg	9	48	c	Wash'ton*	12	54	s
Luxor	20	68	f	Wel'nton	23	73	s
Madrid	12	54	f	Zurich	11	52	s

* denotes Tuesday's figures are latest available

LONDON

Tuesday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 12C (54F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 10C (50F). Humidity: 6 pm, 73 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 1.7 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1003.5 millibars, rising. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Tuesday: Highest day temp: Aspatria, Cumbria, 13C (55F); lowest day max: Aviemore, Highland, 3C (37F); highest rainfall: Prestwick, Ayrshire and Machrihanish, Kintyre, 1.2 in; highest sunshine: Penzance, Cornwall, 4.1 hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 12C, (54F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 7C (45F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.8 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, nil.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 7C (45F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 4C (39F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.05 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, nil.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	-	.62	8	46	rain
Hunstanton	-	.32	13	55	rain
Lowestoft	-	.19	13	55	rain
Southend	-	.15	14	57	gale
Folkestone	-	.20	12	54	rain
Brighton	-	.49	11	52	rain
Littlehmptn	0.00	.50	13	55	rain
Southsea	-	.75	13	55	rain
Shanklin	-	.53	13	55	gale
Bournemth	-	1.12	13	55	gale
Swanage	-	.99	13	55	shower
Exmouth	-	1.15	14	57	rain
Torquay	-	1.93	13	55	rain
Penzance	-	.94	13	55	gale
Scilly Isles	-	.76	13	55	rain
Jersey	-	.28	13	55	cloudy
Guernsey	-	.37	14	57	gale
St. Ives	-	1.26	14	57	shower
Ilfracombe	-	.75	14	57	rain
B'pool Airpt	-	.65	8	46	rain
Morecambe	-	.50	8	46	rain
Douglas	-	.46	7	45	rain
B'ham Airpt	-	.92	13	55	rain
Bristol (Ctrl)	-	.89	15	59	rain
Buxton	-	1.13	12	54	rain
Leeds	-	.77	9	48	rain
London	-	.21	15	59	gale
Manchester	-	.80	12	54	rain
N'cstl-n-Tyne	-	.22	8	46	rain
Nottingham	-	1.11	13	55	rain
Anglesey	-	.56	11	52	rain
Cardiff (Ctrl)	-	.58	13	55	rain
Colwyn Bay	-	.75	13	55	rain
Tenby	-	1.31	12	54	rain
Aberdeen	6.9	.07	9	48	sunny
Aviemore	5.0	.16	6	43	sunny
Edinburgh	-	-	6	43	cloudy
Eskdalemuir	-	.29	5	41	rain
Glasgow	-	.05	7	45	rain
Kinloss	5.4	.24	7	45	sunny
Prestwick	-	.01	7	45	cloudy
Stornoway	5.1	.18	7	45	sunny
Belfast	-	.08	6	43	rain

* Denotes figures not available

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Beds,Herts & Essex	707
Norfolk,Suffolk,Cambs	708
West Mid & Sth Glam & Gwent	709
Shrops,Herefds & Worcs	710
Central Midlands	711
East Midlands	712
Lincs & Humberside	713
Dyfed & Powys	714
Gwynedd & Clwyd	715
N W England	716
W & S Yorks & Dales	717
N E England	718
Cumbria & Lake District	719
S W Scotland	720
W Central Scotland	721
Edin S Fife/Lothian & Borders	722
E Central Scotland	723
Grampian & E Highlands	724
N W Scotland	725
Caithness,Orkney & Shetland	726
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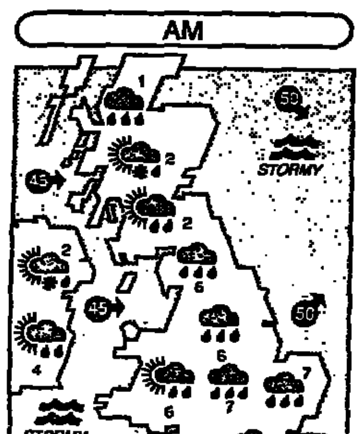
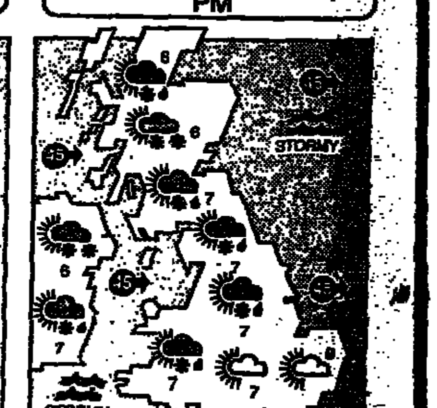


PM



LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 5.02 pm to 7.26 am
Bristol 5.12 pm to 7.36 am
Edinburgh 5.01 pm to 7.52 am
Manchester 5.05 pm to 7.40 am
Penzance 5.25 pm to 7.44 am

Sun rises: 7.28 am
Sun sets: 5.02 pm
Moon sets 6.58 am
Moon rises 3.32 pm

Full Moon tomorrow

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F		C	F
Belfast	5	41c	Guernsey	12	54f
B'rmgham	11	52r	Inverness	6	43s
Blackpool	7	45r	Jersey	12	54c
Bristol	13	55r	London	12	54r
Cardiff	11	52r	M'chester	7	45r
Edinburgh	6	43c	Newcastle	7	45c
Glasgow	6	43f	R'ldsway	6	43c

TOWER BRIDGE

Tower Bridge will be lifted at the following times today: 12.40pm and 1pm.

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	12.25	6.4	12.57	6.5	Liverpool	10.14	8.8	10.41	8.8
Aberdeen	12.11	3.9	12.19	4.0	Lowestoft	8.39	2.2	8.28	2.3
Avonmouth	6.07	11.9	6.38	12.1	Margate	11.13	4.3	11.29	4.4
Belfast	9.55	3.4	10.40	3.2	Milford Haven	5.06	6.4	5.34	6.5
Cardiff	5.52	11.0	6.23	11.2	Newquay	3.58	6.5	4.28	6.2
Devonport	4.43	5.0	5.16	5.0	Oban	5.13	3.7	5.36	3.5
Dover	10.06	6.0	10.31	6.2	Penzance	3.43	5.1	4.14	5.1
Falmouth	4.13	4.8	4.46	4.8	Portland	5.41	1.9	6.33	1.8
Glasgow	11.35	4.6	—	—	Portsmouth	10.20	4.2	11.36	4.4
Harwich	10.51	3.7	11.12	3.7	Shoreham	10.07	5.7	10.43	5.8
Holyhead	9.21	5.3	9.49	5.2	Southampton	9.51	4.2	10.25	4.4
Hull	5.19	6.7	5.32	7.0	Swansea	5.19	8.6	6.48	8.7
Ilfracombe	4.55	8.4	5.23	8.5	Tees	2.40	4.9	2.57	5.0
King's Lynn	5.31	5.9	5.39	6.2	W'ton-on-Nze	10.47	3.9	11.08	3.8
Leith	1.20	5.1	1.46	5.2					

Tide in metres: 1m=3.2808ft. Times are GMT

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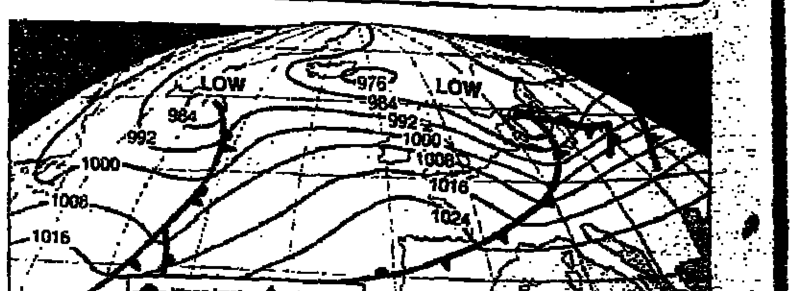

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THE TIMES

SECTION 2

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 8 1990

Executive Editor
David Brewerton

THE POUND

US dollar
1.6985 (–0.0015)

W German mark
2.8118 (–0.0098)

Exchange index
89.2 (–0.1)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1826.2 (–9.4)

FT-SE 100
2307.4 (–13.7)

USM (Datastream)
155.45 (–0.39)

Market report, page 30

Societies aid scheme at Regalian

Regalian, the property developer, has assembled a panel of building societies and banks to provide mortgages for its £180 million 50-50 London home ownership scheme.

The list includes Cheltenham & Gloucester building society, which has already joined forces with Fairclough Homes in a similar scheme.

Halifax building society is also backing the scheme despite having called in the receiver last year to a Docklands project it had financed for Kentish Homes. A large number of Regalian's flats are in Docklands, although there are some in Battersea, Chelsea and Westminster.

The other building societies are Alliance & Leicester and Nationwide Anglia. The company is also understood to be talking to Abbey National.

Banque Paribas and Banque Nationale de Paris are backing the scheme, as is John Charcol, the mortgage broker.

STOCK MARKETS

New York:
Dow Jones ..... 2631.76 (+25.45)*
Tokyo:
Nikkei Average 37301.87 (–364.96)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng ..... 2844.89 (+52.00)
Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency ..... 110.1 (–1.8)
Sydney: AO ..... 1645.6 (–22.9)
Frankfurt: DAX ... 1900.10 (–37.62)
Brussels:
General ..... 6164.76 (–34.83)
Paris: CAC ..... 521.73 (–4.94)
Zurich: SKA Gen ..... 612.0 (–4.6)
London:
FT.–A All-Share ... 1154.55 (–6.14)
FT.– "500" ..... 1257.52 (–5.41)
FT. Gold Mines ..... 375.1 (–3.4)
FT. Fixed Interest .... 91.25 (+0.28)
FT. Govt Secs ..... 80.80 (–0.43)

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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:
Hambros ..... 319p (+16p)
Union Discount ..... 602½p (+18p)
Really Useful ..... 227½p (+10p)
Rothmans 'B' ..... 649p (+10p)
Walter Runciman ..... 475p (+12p)
Christies Int ..... 316½p (+9p)
Securicor ..... 902p (+15p)
Security Services ... 694½p (+12p)
UK Land ..... 475p (+15p)
Barr & WA 'A' ..... 315p (+20p)
FALLS:
Eurotunnel Units ..... 627½p (–17p)
SA Breweries ..... 667½p (–70p)
Henderson Admin ..... 785p (–10p)
MJ Gleeson ..... 720p (–10p)
S Miller ..... 141½p (–10p)
Davies & Newman ..... 625p (–20p)
Commercial Union .. 491½p (–13p)
News Corp ..... 502½p (–20p)
Priest Marians ..... 177½p (–10p)
Rosehaugh ..... 318½p (–14p)
Closing prices
Bargains 23418
SEAQ Volume 368.5m

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 15%
3-month Interbank 15⅝-15 1/16%
3-month eligible bills: 14 9/16-14 17/32%
US: Prime Rate 10%
Federal Funds 8 3/16%*
3-month Treasury Bills 7.81-7.80%*
30-year bonds 94 25/32-94 27/32*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.6985	£: $1.6992*
£: DM2.8118	$: DM1.6545*
£: SwFr2.5163	$: SwFr1.4805*
£: FFr9.5753	$: FFr5.6335*
£: Yen246.96	$: Yen145.45*
£: Index:89.2	$: Index:66.7
ECU £0.723061	SDR £0.783093
£: ECU1.383009	£: SDR1.276987

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $419.90 pm-$423.75
close $422.50-423.00 (£248.50-249.00)
New York:
Comex $422.80-423.30*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Mar) $19.70bbl ($19.90)
* Denotes latest trading price

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.345	2.185
Austria Sch	20.60	19.40
Belgium Fr	61.90	58.00
Canada $	2.11	2.00
Denmark Kr	11.30	10.70
Finland Mkk	6.89	6.59
France Fr	9.95	9.36
Germany Dm	2.935	2.755
Greece Dr	288	262
Hong Kong $	13.91	13.01
Ireland Pt	1.115	1.045
Italy Lira	2195	2065
Japan Yen	262	248
Netherlands Gld	3.285	3.115
Norway Kr	11.40	10.74
Portugal Esc	260.75	244.75
South Africa Rd	4.70	4.30
Spain Pta	189.50	177.50
Sweden Kr	10.87	10.21
Switzerland Fr	2.625	2.465
Turkey Lira	4485	3865
USA $	1.785	1.685
Yugoslavia Dnr	refer	refer

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

Retail Price Index: 119.8 (December)

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Few aspects of love as 'bored' composer's buyout angers directors

MICHAEL POWELL

Seating plan: composer Andrew Lloyd Webber announces his proposals to take Really Useful Group private yesterday at the offices of Salomon Brothers

Lloyd Webber unveils £50m plan for RUG

By Martin Waller

Mr Andrew Lloyd Webber has finally released plans to take his Really Useful Group private.

The company was set up to market multi-million pound musicals such as *Cats*, *Evita* and *Aspects of Love*.

His reasons include boredom with the City, a desire to write more serious works and a suspicion that RUG should never have been floated.

The buyout plan touched off an angry response from the non-executive directors, who claimed they had not been properly consulted.

Talk of plans to buy out shareholders first emerged last October. Mr Lloyd Webber is now borrowing about £50 million from Coutts & Co to fund a leveraged buyout which will make a final offer of 233p a share, giving an historic exit multiple of 15.4 times and valuing the whole group at £77.4 million. There is a loan note alternative.

Other shareholders, including an estimated 3,000 members of the public and Mercury Asset Management Group, the fund management group, with 17 per cent, are being given little choice, however.

Newco, the shell company being used by the composer to take RUG private, already has a controlling majority of 52.5 per cent, having bought Mr Lloyd Webber's holding of 38.1 per cent and the stake of 14.4 per cent taken by Mr Robert Maxwell.

He emerged as a surprise shareholder last August, having bought the former holding of Mr Brian Brolly, founder and former managing director, who left after a boardroom row in October, 1988.

The publisher eventually accepted the 233p per share. This compares with an equivalent of 110p at which the company was floated in a tender offer in 1986.

Mr Lloyd Webber's contract is due to expire in January, 1993, depriving the company, as it stands, of any work produced after that. One condition of the Coutts deal is that he signs a future contract binding him to the company.

The non-executive directors, who include the chairman, Lord Gowrie, the former Arts Minister, and Mr Melvyn Bragg, the television personality, planned to report soon with an independent valuation of RUG's assets, and shareholders were meanwhile advised to take no action.

Mrs Alison Carnwath, a director of Schroders, which helped bring RUG to market, said: "There wasn't much consultation beforehand. We would have preferred the whole thing to have been debated within the company. We aren't going to be bulldozed into giving our views until the non-executives have

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taken all the necessary advice to form a proper view on what shareholders should do."

Mr Lloyd Webber said he disliked the necessity of informing the Stock Exchange of his every move as well the resulting publicity. He was "bored" with the City and the necessity of deciding the direction for the company, having moved back on to the board after Mr Brolly's departure.

He was also keen to create a "not so overtly commercial" body of work. "My worry was that the company itself hasn't succeeded in really producing another major profit stream. We can't rely for ever on works like *Cats*. It was all resting on one person who was perhaps veering off in another direction," he said.

He "80 per cent accepted" the view of Salomon Brothers, his merchant bank, that the company should never have been floated.

Insurers face £5bn storm damage bill

By Melinda Wittstock

Insurance claims for extensive damage caused by storms battering Britain and much of the continent in the past two weeks are now thought likely to top £3 billion for UK insurers alone.

But the total bill facing worldwide insurers for flood and wind damage has been estimated at more than £5 billion, according to Mr Peter Constable, a reinsurance analyst at Robert Fleming, the brokers.

Lloyd's of London — still reeling from $15 billion (£8.8 billion) losses from Hurricane Hugo, Piper Alpha, the San Francisco and Australian earthquakes and Britain's 1987 hurricane — is expected to shoulder more than half of the total British bill.

Lloyd's, with leading European insurers such as Munich RE and Swiss RE, also faces a large exposure to damage in the continent, which has been hit far harder than England in the aftermath of the first storm on January 25.

Robert Fleming, which yesterday downgraded its 1990 profits estimates for the British composite insurers, put the damage for the first storm at £1.5 billion in Britain alone.

"We expect total UK losses to hit around £3 billion, especially with more storms forecast, with estimates of £5 billion on the low side for the UK and continent as a whole," said Mr Constable.

Mr David Hudson, an analyst with BZW, added: "No one really has a clue yet about the final bill, but it will be much greater than the October 1987 hurricane — £3 billion is about right for the UK alone."

He said Lloyd's would be hit with more than half of the burden, but how much more is still unclear as it is still unknown how much syndicates have reinsured themselves.

Robert Fleming, which said it expected shares in composite insurers to fall by about 25 per cent, expects the storms to slash hundreds of millions of pounds from profits throughout the sector, leading to premium rate rises by the second half of 1990 and into 1991.

The broker has cut its forecast for profits at Sun Alliance, Britain's biggest insurer of household buildings and contents, by £75 million to £175 million. It has lopped £50 million off Royal Insurance to just £125 million. General Accident, one of Britain's biggest property insurers, has been put back £40 million to £160 million.

Mr Constable believes reinsurers are likely to increase their rates, making a further impact on the composites' profits, should the storms continue.

Sun Alliance, which lost £160 million in 1987 and believe claims this time will significantly top its £110 million reinsurance cover, said it is unlikely consumers will suffer an immediate hike in premium rates.

Mr Fraser Fundell, operations manager at Sun Alliance, said: "We're not looking at premium rises just yet, but if it looks as though weather damage claims are increasing in frequency, then raising premium rates will have to be considered."

But Mr David Coleridge, the chairman of Sturge, the largest managing agent at Lloyd's, said premium rates for household and contents insurance could rise between 20 per cent and 25 per cent during 1990.

He said: "It's difficult to get specific projections from composites on premium rates; they all say they are reviewing the situation because they don't want to lose market share.

"Reinsurance rates are likely to rise first, forcing premium rates up later."

Mr Fundell added that Sun Alliance had received 123,000 claims up until Monday. However, their value is slightly less than for the 1987 hurricane.

Mark sent higher by Soviet reforms

By Colin Narbrough
Economics Correspondent

The mark, which has benefited persistently since the Iron Curtain started to roll back last year, surged close to a two-year high against the dollar, although the US currency staged a technical rebound late in the day.

The rise was triggered by the Soviet Communist Party's adoption of plans to end its 70-year monopoly on power, plus West Germany's offer of immediate talks on economic union with East Germany.

Sterling, which in recent weeks recovered to levels last seen before Mr Nigel Lawson resigned as Chancellor in October, also fell victim to mark strength. It closed 0.1 point down on its trade-weighted index at 89.2 and almost a pfennig off at DM2.8119, but above the day's low, DM2.8050. Against the dollar, it fell 15 points to $1.6985, having shown little movement all day.

The Bank of England *Quarterly Bulletin*, out today, may give new direction to sterling.

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US goods deficit down

The US merchandise trade deficit narrowed by nearly $10 billion (£5.88 billion) last year to about $110 billion and should show a "gradual decrease" this year, Mrs Carla Hills, the US Trade Representative, said last night. The US Commerce Department has yet to issue final trade figures for 1989.

She told the Senate Finance Committee that progress in reducing the deficit had slowed and that freer international markets would still leave America with a deficit, unless there were macro-economic policy adjustments.

US-Soviet trade talks are due to start in Washington next Monday.

Marshall 'failed' on power plans

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

Lord Marshall of Goring yesterday told MPs he should have spoken out publicly against the Government's power privatization plans as soon as they were announced.

Lord Marshall, who resigned as head of the Central Electricity Generating Board because of the Government decision to withdraw nuclear power from electricity privatization, said criticism of the Government plans as "spatchcock" legislation was fair. He also felt he should have publicly attacked some proposals put forward by Mr Cecil Parkinson, the former Energy Secretary.

He told the Commons Energy Select Committee — which described Mr Parkinson's White Paper to privatize the industry as spatchcock legislation — he had failed to persuade the country to invest in reliable nuclear power systems. He said the Government decision to cancel the programme to develop a network of pressurized-water-cooled reactor power stations was "very bad."

Lord Marshall consistently opposed the continuation of Britain's programme to build advanced-gas-cooled reactor power stations and actively promoted the American-designed PWR system.

He had planned to build five PWR stations for National Power before the Government withdrew nuclear power from the privatization programme because increased costs for nuclear fuel and decomissioning led to the City advising Mr John Wakeham that nuclear power would be almost unsellable.

Mitsubishi joins St Paul's project

By Matthew Bond

Mitsubishi Estate Company, one of the largest Japanese property companies, is to join the consortium developing Paternoster Square, the controversial site surrounding St Paul's Cathedral, in London.

Tokyo sources confirmed that Mitsubishi is to come in as an equal partner in the £700 million scheme, alongside Greycoat, a City developer, and Park Tower Realty, a New York developer.

Greycoat, run by Mr Geoffrey Wilson, chairman, and Park Tower Realty, a private company run by Mr George Klein, have each invested £15 million of equity into the joint venture company which acquired the four-acre site for £150 million last year.

Mitsubishi will also inject £15 million. But far more importantly it is providing a loan package. The size of the loan is undisclosed, but it is thought to secure the long term ownership of the site. It is a vote of confidence in the City market, in a week where Rosehaugh's £125 million rights issue had sent alarm bells ringing.

Paternoster is Mitsubishi's second large international purchase. Last November it paid $846 million (£497 million) for a 51 per cent stake in the Rockefeller Group.

Mr Wilson and Mr Klein moved swiftly to diffuse the architectural dispute that surrounded the site. The Arup masterplan was scrapped and Mr John Simpson, a classical architect, was brought in. He has been joined by Mr Thomas Beeby, a leading American classicist. Mr Terry Farrell, the post modernist, is co-ordinating the plan.

Ridley decision follows pressure for inquiry from investors

DTI inspectors to investigate BOM

By Jeremy Andrews

Government inspectors are to investigate BOM Holdings, the furniture retailer and property group, and nobody is more pleased than BOM shareholders.

Mr John Welland, secretary of the BOM Shareholders Action Committee, which has campaigned for the appointment of inspectors, welcomed the decision by Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Trade Secretary. He said: "I'm very pleased. But just because we have won one battle, it doesn't mean the war is over."

The Department of Trade and Industry move follows intense pressure from BOM investors, whose shares have been suspended since January last year. The shareholders were incensed last year by the company's announcement that its Just Leather and Roselodge Kitchens subsidiaries were in receivership and that it had contracted to sell its remaining asset, a 400-acre site at Kingsnorth, Kent, for just £12 million without planning permission.

The disposal plans had not been submitted to shareholders for approval. Mr Welland's five-man committee believes the Kingsnorth site could be worth at least £70 million with planning permission for an industrial estate.

The inspectors are Mr Christopher Brougham, QC, and Mr Raymond Turner. The inquiry is to be under

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section 432 of the Companies Act 1985, which allows general investigation of a company's affairs.

The Kingsnorth site, bought in 1922, was home to a bitumen refinery until 1964. This longstanding use means that it could be used again for oil-related purposes and strengthens BOM's hand in negotiating planning consent for alternative uses. Rochester City Council has been considering an application on 300 acres of the site since January last year. A decision on the application is due in March. BOM intends to sell the site to Surelaunch, a private company controlled by Mr John Morris, chairman of Therm-A-Stor, the double glazing supplier.

Mr Michael Lucas, BOM chairman, preferred not to comment on the appointment of the DTI inspectors, but said: "There is a perfectly legal, binding contract for the sale of the land."

Meanwhile, BOM is suing Arthur Andersen, the accountant, for £8.5 million in connection with the purchase of Albancode, the holding company for Just Leather and Roselodge Kitchens. Yet Albancode was bought from a company controlled by Mr Lucas. Andersen said BOM's claim was "ridiculous and without foundation".

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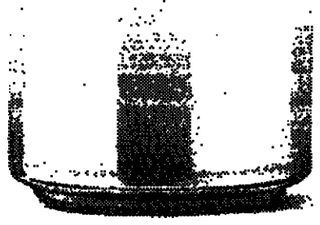

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Union manages to break out of high-rate, low-profit circle

By tripling its net profits in 1989, Union Discount has squared an age-old circle. The discount houses were once the simplest interest-rate play on the stock market. When rates rose, profits fell. Once they peaked it was time to buy, as profitability recovered.

Union's 304 per cent increase in attributable earnings to £10.5 million, in a year when the base rate rose from 13 to 15 per cent, is a tribute to the sophistication of today's financial markets. The early success of the group's diversification also played its part.

The traditional discount house operations increased net profits by 156 per cent by making full use of the futures market. Mr Graeme Gilchrist, the chief executive, made no secret of his bearish views on interest rates last year and the futures contracts Union sold allowed it to benefit from the two base rate hikes, despite pressure on interest margins.

Demand for short-term funds from institutions continues its break-neck growth, and on one day last summer pushed the company's turnover to £6.4 billion, more than 50 per cent above the previous record. When interest rates do start to fall, Union would appear to be in a position to make its book as long and profitable as it wants.

The real stars last year were the non-discounting businesses, where pre-tax profits grew 327 per cent to £6.71 million. Most of the growth came from equities and gilts market-making. A £3 million contribution from Winterflood Securities, the smaller companies market-maker, showed it is possible to carve a niche in even the most competitive industry. Aitken Campbell, the Glasgow gilts trader, demonstrated the joys of a low-cost base.

This year, Union's specialist leasing business should begin to contribute, and even Mr Gilchrist now believes there could be a base rate cut in the autumn. Discount house profits are difficult to forecast, but £14 million looks possible for the year, while the dividend, up 10 per cent this time to 33p, with a 21.5p final, could rise to 36p.

The shares at 603p stand on an historic p/e ratio of 11, and a yield of 7.3 per cent. Sir Ron Brierley's 28.4 per cent stake ensures a premium rating, but a bid is far from certain. Inexpensive none the less.

ALISTAIR GRANT

A little less bearish: Graeme Gilchrist, Union chief executive, who said yesterday there could be an autumn base rate cut

St Modwen

For a share that once hit almost 80p, the last three years have been dispiriting for St Modwen. Since the crash, the shares have gone precisely nowhere, meandering about a band of 30p-45p, offering opportunities to trade but little incentive to hold.

And yet the company, which builds commercial property, mainly in the Midlands and the North, has not put a foot wrong. Since Mr Stan Clarke, the chairman, reversed three companies into Redman Heenan in 1986, profits have risen in copybook style. Yesterday's sparkling results – pre-tax profits almost doubled at £10.1 million and net assets per share up 41 per cent at 41p – continued the impressive trend.

It says much about the trough in which the property sector finds itself, that the shares – at 36p – celebrated by doing precisely nothing. Mr Clarke is not a man to lose faith in the City. He ran a private business for 30 years and, having finally succeeded in his ambition of running a public company, has no plans to return to the private arena.

The figures suggest that investors could be missing out on a medium-term bargain if the shares continue to be cold-shouldered. Gearing, at just 50 per cent, is modest enough for a company with such an active development side. The wide range of products built by the company means it is not totally dependent on institutional sales for its profit, thereby ensuring a reliable stream of earnings.

As to future growth, the plan is to stick to what the company knows it does well, but to increase market share. It might sound unexciting but it looks a great deal more prudent than expansion plans embarked on by others.

At 36p, the shares are on a historic p/e of 5.8 and stand at a 12 per cent discount to assets per share.

Forecasts are difficult in the current market, but Mr Clarke sounded a note of modest caution, not disaster, as some of his rivals have. One to tuck away.

BOM

News that DTI inspectors have been appointed at BOM Holdings will be of little immediate benefit to the company's 22,000 shareholders, however gratifying for the ginger group which has been pressing for an inquiry.

When the Stock Exchange ordered dealings to be suspended before Christmas 1988, BOM was attempting to issue a further 657 million shares to add to its existing 400 million share capital. The SE's move followed Press reports that the shares were being pushed by aggressive telephone salesmen. However, its action left shareholders without the protection of the listing agreement.

Last year, after failure to persuade the SE to relist its shares to enable a cash raising exercise, BOM's two main operating companies, Roselodge Kitchens and Just Leather, went into receivership. BOM also announced that its principal asset, a 400-acre site in Kingsnorth, Kent, had been sold for £12 million in cash and a 20 per cent stake in Surelaunch, the private company set up to buy the land. Investors were denied a chance to vote on the deal.

Suspension does not relieve a board of its obligations under the listing agreement. But it does remove the SE's only effective sanction for non-compliance with its rules.

The question of whether it is better to keep alleged rule-breakers inside or outside the club is raised once more. Inside, they may be kept in line more effectively, although they gain authority through membership. Outside, they may get away with murder.

Meanwhile, BOM presses ahead with its £8.5 million suit against Arthur Andersen over the purchase of Albancode, the holding company for Just Leather and Roselodge. Given that it was the BOM chairman who controlled the company which sold Albancode, the action against Andersen is curious.

Platinum set for strong showing

By Colin Campbell
Mining Correspondent

Platinum is expected to remain a strongly-performing metal this year and, with the possible exception of gold, could well find itself at the head of the list among the other precious and non-ferrous metals performers.

Shearson Lehman Hutton, the securities house, in its annual review of the world platinum industry, forecasts an average platinum price of $535 an ounce for the year.

During the course of 1989 the platinum price averaged $509.88 an ounce and traded between $465 an ounce and $555 an ounce.

Last year the metal finished the year 6 per cent lower year-on-year, after 12 months of low investment and sluggish market activity.

"We expect conditions to be livelier in 1990," the survey says.

Shearson Lehman Hutton also suggests that if there are any bouts of speculative activity, then the metal's floor price during the course of this year should turn out to be solid at between $465 and $475 an ounce.

Platinum was traded at $510.15 an ounce yesterday.

Miss Rhona O'Connell and Mr Robert Davies, the analysts, say: "The level of investment demand – concentrated in Japan – will be the key to the market's overall performance.

However, Japanese investors are again expected to be attracted to the precious metals sector, and investment demand should quite easily absorb any small surplus of the metal.

Expansion in demand continues to be fuelled by the increasing level of concern over environmental matters, and platinum's use for anti-pollution control.

An increasing number of countries have the contentious subject of emission controls on their agendas, and exhaust systems are expected to be under some kind of control on a global basis by the turn of the century.

"During 1990, emission control catalysts are expected to overtake jewellery as the major end-user of platinum," the authors note.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

£12m hammering for gilt-edged market

Industry losses of £12 million forced four gilt-edged market-makers to close last year as the amount of business in the market declined, the Bank of England reveals in today's *Quarterly Bulletin*. This is substantially better than the £190 million lost in the two years after Big Bang in October 1986.

The losses came as the gilts turnover fell by an average of £250 million a day to £4 billion. The amount of gilts outstanding fell by 9 per cent to £129 billion as the Government continued its repurchasing programme. The number of bargains fell by up to 500 a day to 2,000. In all, eight GEMMs have been forced to close since Big Bang, leaving 19. The continuing losses and closures have reduced the GEMMs' capital from £595 million in 1986 to only £395 million at the end of 1989. The six largest firms now have 55 per cent of the market, up 5 per cent from last year.

Ransomes in French buy

Ransomes, maker of grass-cutting machinery, has acquired Morel, a French company based in Yvetot near Rouen, for Fr6.9 million (£718,000). Morel manufactures a range of grass sweepers used for cleaning and clearing open spaces and will be intergrated into Ransomes Commercial, which makes grass machinery for worldwide distribution.

Profit down at Dunton

Dunton Group, the building materials supplier and property developer, saw pre-tax profits slide from £504,000 to £366,000 in the six months to end-November on turnover up by 5 per cent to £2.36 million. Earnings per share fell from 1.6p to 1.16p, although the interim dividend is maintained at 0.48p. The USM-placed shares lost 1½p to 27p.

Hazlewood expands

Hazlewood Foods is acquiring Luijckx Beheer for 25 million guilders (£7.8 million). The purchase will be satisfied by the issue of 3.31 million new Hazlewood ordinary shares conditionally placed by CCF Lawrence Prust with institutional investors at 218p per share.

Luijckx, based in Zundert in the Netherlands, employs 110 people producing a range of chocolate products. It made pre-tax profits of FL4.06 million in the year to end-December, on turnover of FL19.84 million and net assets of FL9.37 million. Mr Dennis Jones, finance director, said the acquisition will enlarge the grocery products division in Europe.

Jameel attack on Hartwell

Jameel, the Saudi Arabian group bidding £151 million for Hartwell, the motor dealership, claims Hartwell has resorted in its defence document to an arbitrary nine-year profits record which failed to disclose a sharp fall in pre-tax profits between 1980 and 1981, and has included earnings from only the motor division.

Govett fund for Hungary

John Govett, the fund management group, yesterday unveiled its Hungarian Investment Company Fund which is raising up to $100 million (£58.9 million) to invest in the country's shares. Commitments have been received for $75 million and applications close next Wednesday. Dealings are due to begin on February 20.

Allied franchises sold

Allied-Lyons has sold a number of its Normand motor distribution franchises to their existing managements and Phildrew Ventures for about £30 million. Mr Struan Wiley is to be chief executive of a newly-formed company called the Normand Motor Group, and will resign from the Allied-Lyons board.

The new business will cover eight passenger, three commercial vehicles and two motorcycle marques. Phildrew Ventures will own 50 per cent, and Allied-Lyons will retain a 10 per cent stake. Pre-tax profits of £4 million are being forecast this year, on a turnover of £180 million.

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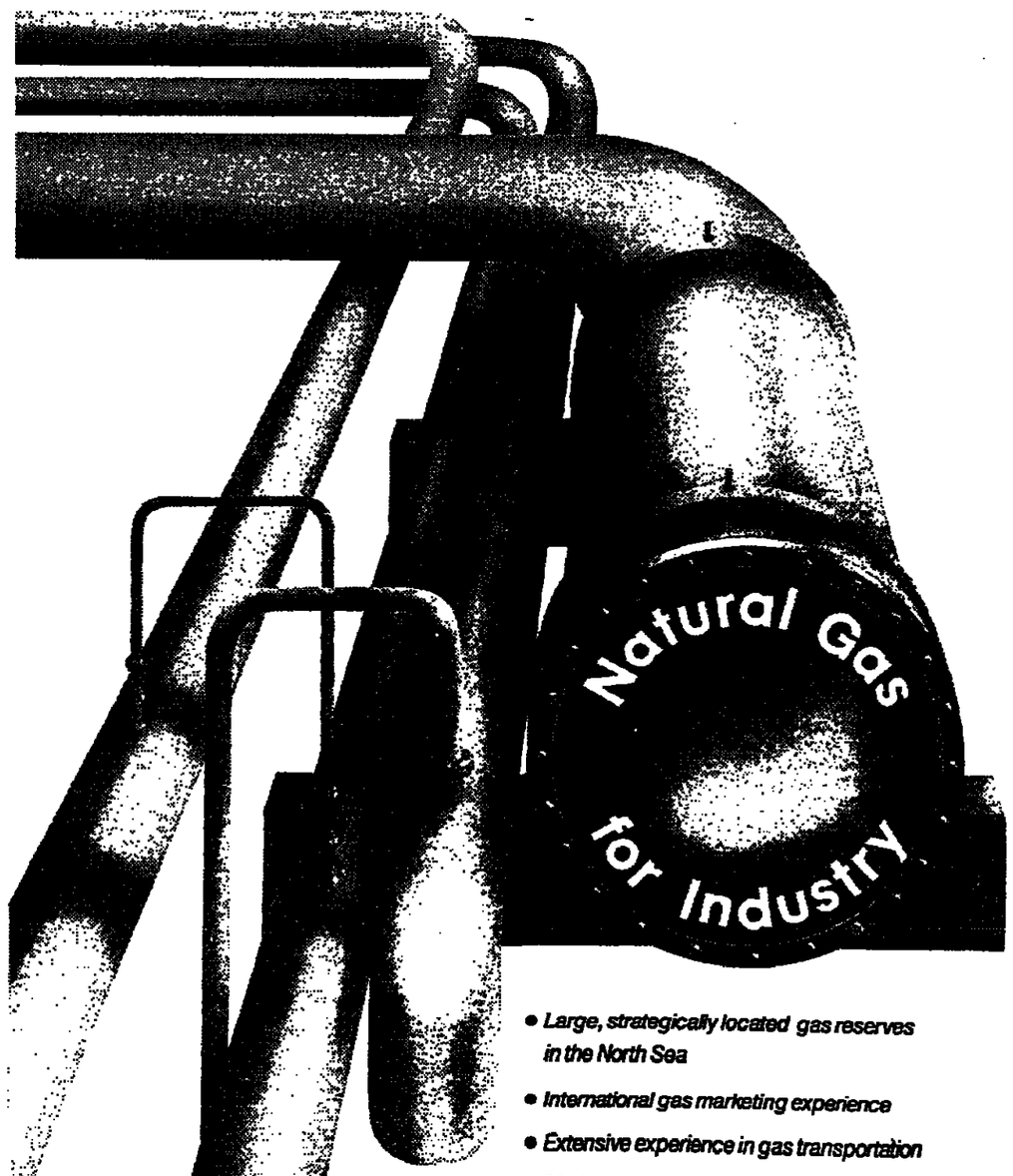

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Berisford in error over dates

Berisford International claims an "administrative error" occurred in the compilation of its 1989 annual report sent to shareholders this week.

It says the March 7 date given for the resignation of Mr Mervyn Ansher from the main board was, in fact, the day he resigned from a number of group subsidiaries.

He resigned from the main board on May 10, the day his departure was reported to the Stock Exchange.

GPA target

GPA, the Shannon-based aircraft leasing group, wants to buy about 10 per cent of new aircraft production, not 25 per cent as quoted in *The Times* yesterday. As a result, it would keep its 40 per cent share of the aircraft leasing market, which accounts for about 25 per cent of the total new aircraft market.

Europa stake

Europa Minerals Group has lifted its stake in Burmine, the Australian gold producer and explorer, from 19.8 per cent to 41.8 per cent for Aus$8.3 million (£3.84 million).

Mine pull-out

Bougainville, the mine in Papua New Guinea plagued by attacks from tribesmen, says all employees are now likely to be evacuated.

ADT holding

ADT now holds 14.7 million ordinary shares in Christies International, or 8.5 per cent of the total share capital.

British Gas defends prices against overcharging claims

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

British Gas has answered criticism that it charges large industrial users of gas more than their European competitors have to pay.

It said the price has changed considerably in their favour over the past 12 months, compared with prices paid by their counterparts in mainland Europe.

The Commons Energy Select Committee is due to report next week into allegations of overcharging.

Figures collated by British Gas, which compare prices at January 1, 1990, show that industrial and commercial firm gas prices in Britain were close to the European average, and that prices for smaller gas loads were generally lower in Britain than elsewhere.

British Gas, chaired by Mr Robert Evans, said there had been significant increases in gas prices in most Continental countries during 1989. Gas prices to British industry had, by contrast, shown stability or an overall decrease during 1989 for the majority of customers. British prices had further declined in relation to Continental prices as a result of variations in currency exchange rates.

Robert Evans: awaits report

The January 1 figures show that customers in Britain who buy their supplies on gas tariffs – those who use up to 25,000 therms a year – enjoy gas prices which are the lowest or second-lowest in Europe.

At 100,000 therms a year, British gas users pay between 32.5p and 33p a therm, depending on pattern of usage. If such customers are able to aggregate their loads as part of large volume contracts at a number of different premises prices may be several pence lower still.

Continental prices range between 27.5p to 32.7p in Italy and 28.4p to 49p in West Germany.

Customers using a million therms a year in Britain pay at the most between 27.7p and 28.8p a therm, again depending on the seasonal pattern of use. They, too, can lower the price significantly by aggregating the load.

Continental prices range between 23.7p in the Netherlands and up to 38.7p in Germany.

Most funds 'run curbs on SA'

By Graham Searjeant

Restrictions on investment in South African companies and on British companies with a strong involvement in South Africa are widespread throughout Britain's pension funds, a new survey suggests.

Fund managers responding to the survey said that a majority of funds by value were subject to some kind of restriction on investment in South Africa and had a total prohibition on South African shares.

The survey was carried out by Pensions & Investment Research Consultants, an adviser on funds' social responsibility.

PIRC received replies between November and late January from 29 fund management groups responsible for £130 billion of British pension fund money, representing nearly half the industry total.

Nearly two-thirds ran funds with restrictions on investing in British companies with South African interests, the most popular test being 5 per cent of group profits.

Most of the restrictions were imposed by clients. Only six of fund managers avoiding South Africa operated because of their own house rules.

Business as usual as the Argentine currency goes into freefall

Streetwise on the route Austral

From David Brewerton, Buenos Aires

A small group of British Members of Parliament will return from Argentina this morning with some tips for Mr John Major should sterling get into trouble during the run-up to the Budget.

While Mr George Foulkes and others trotted along to do their bit for Anglo-Argentine relations by taking coffee with President Carlos Menem, the austral went into freefall.

In the space of a week the Argentine currency has dropped from 1,600 to the dollar to 3,000.

Such movements are hardly headline news in Buenos Aires, or anywhere else in Latin America for that matter. But yesterday's collapse of nearly 25 per cent before lunch had the experts rushing about. The experts are found not in the Ministry of Finance, but on the streets.

Currency rates are a constant topic of discussion here in the same way as house prices in Britain.

Yesterday was no different. There was no particular air of crisis, but the queue at Lloyds Bank was longer than usual. People in bank queues were offered soft currency for their places.

Along the still-fashionable shopping street, where Harrods can be found, there was a constant arbitrage on the rate.

Lofty's, one of the hundreds of leather shops in the centre of the city, was once again setting the rate at 2,900 early on, but others were lagging at 2,800. In the Sheraton Hotel, which probably sees more dollars than the central bank, the best offer of the day was 2,300.

Shopping with credit cards was suspended for the day, unless the customer consented to have his docket made up in dollars. Shopkeepers here have long since wised up to the damage that credit card transactions can inflict on profit margins.

But there is a rush to spend, nevertheless, to convert cash to goods as fast as possible. In an effort to stem the flow, to flatten the spiral, the government converted savers' seven-day austral bank deposits into 10-year, dollar-denominated bonds.

The bonds are now trading at about 35 cents on the dollar, and there is a rumour they will be reconverted into 90-day austral deposits.

Nobody bothers to get angry any more. They still have the tango, and French champagne on the supermarket shelves at under $10 a bottle.

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Forecast for Yardley sale slashed to £350m

By Melinda Wittstock

SmithKline Beecham, the Anglo-American pharmaceuticals combine still struggling to find a buyer for its cosmetics brands, is unlikely to receive more than £350 million compared with original expectations of about £800 million for the businesses.

Mr Bob Bauman, the chief executive, admitted that the proposed sale of the group's cosmetic businesses "is not going as well as wished," and confirmed that SKB is expecting to receive "far less" than originally sought.

In Tokyo at the launch of the group's Japanese subsidiary, SmithKline Beecham Seiyaku, Mr Bauman blamed "overall softness of the market" for the absence of potential buyers of its cosmetic operations, which include the Yardley, Léntheric, Margaret Astor, Monteil, Lancaster and Montana brands.

Mr Bauman, who last autumn was still hoping to sell the division to one buyer for £600 million before admitting in December that SKB would receive significantly less than originally expected, said the group now expects much less.

After initially running into difficulties finding a buyer last autumn, SKB opted to split its cosmetics division into separate European and British units, with a consortium backed by management and led by Mr Bernard Nicholson, the Yardley chairman, still thought to be a likely contender for the British side despite well-publicized difficulties in the management buyout sector.

Analysts, who had downgraded the expected price-tag to £450 million in December, now say SKB would be lucky to receive between £300 million and £350 million for both operations.

"Companies are finding it hard to find buyers even for good businesses right now. Even if they look very cheap, the problem would-be buyers face is how to pay for it," said a cosmetics and household products analyst at BZW.

It is believed SKB's efforts to sell the cosmetics divisions have also been thwarted by the recent sale of rival cosmetic businesses, such as Fabergé and Elizabeth Arden which Unilever, the Anglo-Dutch group, bought last summer for $1.55 billion (£912 million).

Unilever, Revlon of the US, France's L'Oréal and Japan's Shisedo have reportedly not shown any interest either in the British side or the continental operations.

But Mr Bauman has not given up hope. "We believe it will be a success but it will take a longer period of time."

SKB, which in December sold its UHU adhesives business for £97.5 million as well as its North American Calgon household products business for £66 million, needs the proceeds of the cosmetics disposal to reduce a gearing of about 200 per cent.

"It had pledged it would get its gearing down to 100 per cent by its financial year-end," said an analyst.

SKB's shares fell 7p to 537p.

Morton man set to join tunnel

By Graham Searjeant
Financial Editor

An oil industry executive with a reputation for tough and innovative methods of organizing sub-contractors is the strong favourite to join Eurotunnel as executive director in charge of the tunnel construction contract with Transmanche Link.

Mr Alastair Fleming, a director of BP Exploration, was previously a protegé of Mr Alastair Morton, co-chairman of Eurotunnel, at Britoil, where Mr Morton made his own reputation as its first chief executive.

Mr Fleming is credited with the successful development of the Clyde Field for Britoil ahead of schedule by use of new project management methods.

These involved using the former Linwood car factory near Glasgow to bring the engineering and design teams of all the main sub-contractors for the project under one roof.

This practice has since become widely used on big resource projects.

The recruitment of Mr Fleming is likely to depend on his job specification, his executive authority and his relationship with Dr Tony Ridley, the British joint managing director, who is responsible for the contract under the joint chairmen.

TML has a good relationship with Dr Ridley, who has long experience of underground railway projects, but it has been pressing for a chief executive with full authority to take detailed contract decisions for Eurotunnel.

It is understood that Mr Morton would also prefer Dr Ridley to stay. However, he wishes to retain a tough approach to the contractors if he stands back to concentrate on raising more than £1.5 billion extra funding.

Eurotunnel is due to raise a rights issue from shareholders not earlier than May for up to £500 million.

The latest Eurotunnel progress report said that a record five kilometres of tunnel was bored in January.

However, M André Bénard, Eurotunnel's French co-chairman, said that more than 60 kilometres would have to be bored this year to meeting construction targets.

The English end of the triple tunnel is slightly more behind schedule than the French is ahead of schedule, but those working at the English end have begun to catch up this year after coping with geological problems.

Swiss bank on Midland chief

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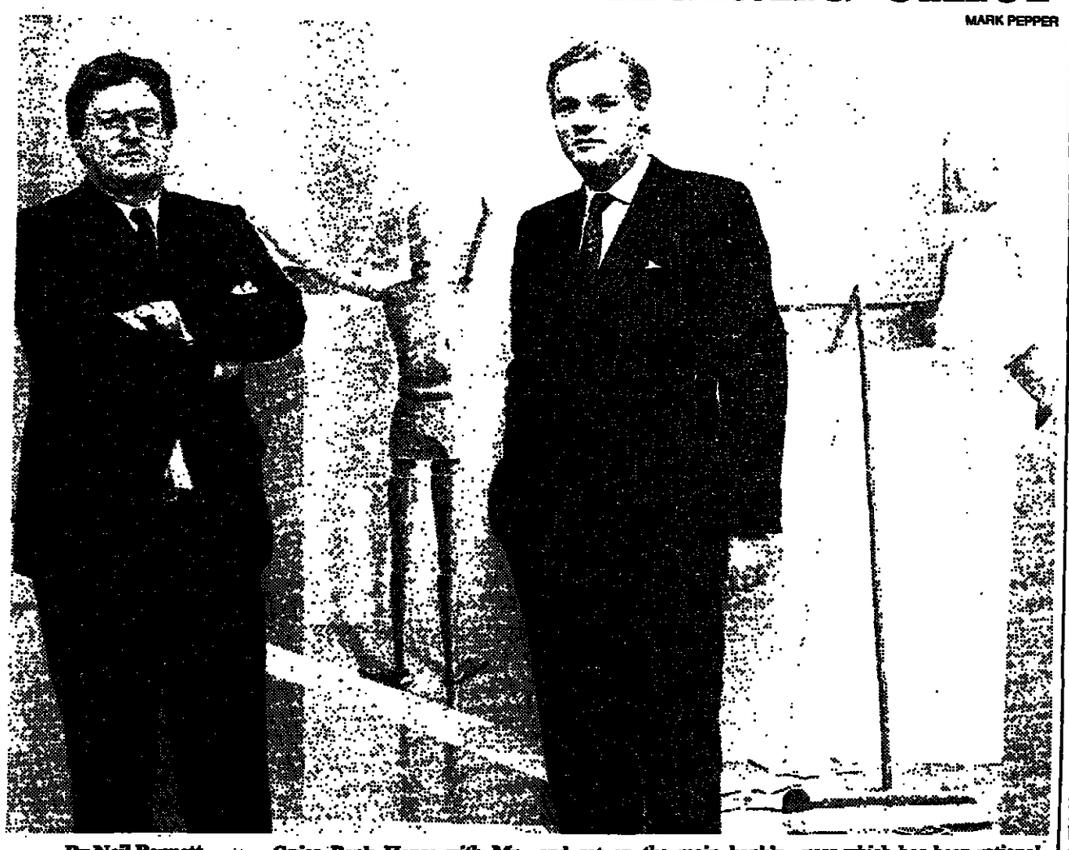

By Neil Bennett

Mr Rudi Bogni, left, Midland Bank's group treasurer, is to become chief executive of Swiss Bank Corporation's London branch — and he is pictured in front of SBC's Felix Feligmann mural in Swiss Bank House with Mr Hans de Gier, whom he is replacing.

Mr de Gier is becoming president to work on co-ordinating Swiss Bank's European corporate finance business.

Mr Bogni was a managing director at Midland Montagu and sat on the main bank's executive committee as treasurer. He in turn is being replaced by Mr David Clark, who until now was the treasurer of the London branch of Commerzbank, the West German bank. He inherits a banking and securities business which has been rationalized since Big Bang, and absorbed Savory Milln, the broker.

Mr de Gier plans to create a European corporate finance business to cope with the increasing number of cross-border acquisitions.

COMMENT

Lloyd Webber's exit is far from really useful

Like the proverbial clown who yearns to play Hamlet, Mr Andrew Lloyd Webber wants to be remembered for a more serious body of work than the middlebrow popular musicals that have made his fortune. But serious works, unlike *Cats* and *Evita*, do not pull in the crowds, and the composer has obligingly taken his Really Useful Group private rather than ask his loyal small shareholders to weather the profits storm.

The use of the past tense is deliberate; the owners of the 47.5 per cent of the group not already in the hands of Mr Lloyd Webber's bidding vehicle have been offered a *fait accompli*, not to mention the rough end of the conductor's baton. There are precious few courses of action open to the non-executive directors, not to mention Mercury Asset Management, which has 17 per cent, and the estimated 3,000 private shareholders.

The last management buyout to arouse controversy, as opposed merely to financial grief for its backers, was at Magnet. It prompted some useful guidelines from the National Association of Pension Funds, which wanted all information available to the insiders to be made generally available. The details of Mr Lloyd Webber's subsequent contract with the successor company have not been revealed, nor is there a three-year profit forecast, as favoured by institutional investors.

The NAPF suggested shareholders should be told early of an impending buyout. Schroders, the merchant bank acting for the non-executive directors of RUG, only learnt of the terms some eight hours before they hit the screens.

Most essentially, the NAPF made much of the need to appoint strong non-executives and an independent financial adviser as early as possible. Schroders itself originally brought RUG to the market; of the four non-executives, one has links with the bank and two, Lord Gowrie and Mr Melvyn Bragg, are hardly on the board for their high profile in the City.

Shareholders have little to complain about in the shares' performance, having doubled their money since early 1986. But assessing a fair take-out price is virtually impossible — hardly a single analyst looks at the group, even its own brokers are precluded from making a current-year forecast, while judging the value of any musical copyright remains an inexact science.

Had Mr Lloyd Webber wanted to exit the City on a high note, he might have considered another course of action; for example, a conditional agreement to purchase Robert Maxwell's shares subject to the acceptance of his offer by the minority shareholders in the light of an independent assessment of the company's earning power. This would have at least allowed those investors who have followed him and his productions so faithfully over the years to make up their own minds.

No need to ape the mark

The sudden prospect of a new German currency union within months has set everyone in the West worrying. The French fear that an expanded mark could overwhelm the franc and all the other ERM currencies long before they have a chance to put a French hand on the levers of power through a unified European central bank. The British, and most others, are simply worried that they might have to raise their interest rates.

This will surely be the case if the dealers' short-term thinking carries the day. They have taken the line, customary in the foreign exchange markets since the days of dollar strength five years ago, that the prospect of higher interest rates in a strong currency makes it even more attractive. Up went the mark again.

But spare a thought for reality in Bonn, Frankfurt and Berlin. The opening of the East initially boosted the mark by offering an increased supply of skilled migrant labour and new markets. As events have moved on, the costs to the West German economy are becoming more apparent. Currency union, whether formal, or de facto, will bring strain rather than gain.

That explains why Karl-Otto Pöhl at the Bundesbank has been the voice of caution in the face of Bonn's fast-growing enthusiasm. To politicians, the priority is to stop the flood of less productive East German immigrants and the drastic fiscal implications.

If some of the strain can be shifted from West German public spending and taxes, for which they are responsible, to the currency and monetary policy, which is largely down to Herr Pöhl, so much the better.

None of this, however, argues that the mark should be stronger in the medium-term. The Bundesbank will suffer no nonsense in its area of responsibility.

Herr Pöhl fears that such revolutionary changes will undermine the basic historic strength of the mark as well as making higher interest rates certain in the short term. When responding to those higher interest rates, other ERM members might like to take this longer-term view and the dollar experience into account. That might suggest not slavishly following the Germans or the mark, which would help Britain to do the same.

St Modwen rises 89% but sounds a warning

The continuing strength of the Midland property market has helped St Modwen Properties, the Birmingham developer, to lift pre-tax profits by 89 per cent to £10.1 million.

As the company continues to build an investment division, net assets per share have also risen sharply — by 41 per cent to 41p. The portfolio's annual rent roll of £3.8 million is, Mr Stan Clarke, chairman, says, enough to cover group overheads.

Mr Clarke also gave a warning that the year ahead was likely to be more difficult for the property market, and the retail sector in particular.

Turnover rose 115 per cent to £37.2 million in the year to November. Earnings per share rose 77 per cent to 6.2p. The final dividend rose 75 per cent to 1.4p a share from 0.8p. No interim payment is made.

Mr Clarke says the uniform business rate may stimulate the company's markets in the Midlands and the North.

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Union Discount shuns IEP board approach

Union Discount, the discount house, has rebuffed attempts by Sir Ron Brierley, its 28.4 per cent shareholder, to join the board.

The company has revealed that Sir Ron asked to nominate a representative from IEP Securites, his investment group, to become a director last November.

However, Mr Graeme Gilchrist, Union's chief executive, said: "We did not think that an investment director from IEP would add value to the company, so we refused." Union's shares rose 18p to 603p. At this level, IEP is thought to have made a paper profit of £3.4 million.

Union's net profits rose 304 per cent to £10.5 million in the year to end-December. The result was helped by futures trading and a first-time contribution from Winterflood Securities. The final dividend is being raised 3p to 21.5p to make a year's payout of 33p, up 10 per cent.

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Bonus bans holiday blues

The ban on staff holidays at Union Discount appears to have been lifted. With base rates now two per cent more than they were a year ago, Graeme Gilchrist, the genial chief executive of the discount house — which unveiled its results yesterday — has concluded that "Major has the economy right on course." "This time a year ago we were saying that the squeeze had to hurt and now the Chancellor is saying the same thing," he says. "We are now much more optimistic — and think interest rates will start coming down in the final quarter, probably in September." Indeed, in the City Diary 12 months ago, when base rates stood at 13 per cent, Gilchrist was quoted as saying: "It has got to be painful. I shall feel that monetary policy is working when I hear members of my staff saying that they can't afford to take their holidays." And, clearly a man who believes in putting his money where his mouth is, Gilchrist has now gone so far as to give his staff the wherewithal to take their holidays. For on Tuesday he told them that they would all — "from the messenger up" — receive a 9 per cent profit-related bonus. "It went down quite well," he says.

Coutts coup

The management buyout at Andrew Lloyd Webber's Really Useful Group was handled by none other than Coutts & Co, a surprised City learnt yesterday. The Top People's bank has never before been bracketed with the likes of Charterhouse but has nonetheless lent Lloyd Webber the £50 million needed to take his company private. "I banked with them when I was at school," the millionaire composer explained. "Tim Rice and I walked into their branch in Fleet Street on a whim and asked if we could open an account. To our surprise they said yes."

Lifted-off

"He is in a meeting" must be the most common secretarial response to any reporter's request to speak to an evasive director on the telephone. But More O'Ferrall, the outdoor advertising contractor whose expected profits for 1990 have been downgraded by £1 million as a result of storm damage, came up with something far more ingenious this week. The only director who was not abroad or simply "out of the office" — company secretary Peter Hall — was, a colleague was assured, "stuck in the lift" at the company's Mayfair premises for most of the afternoon during the day in question.

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Looking over the figures

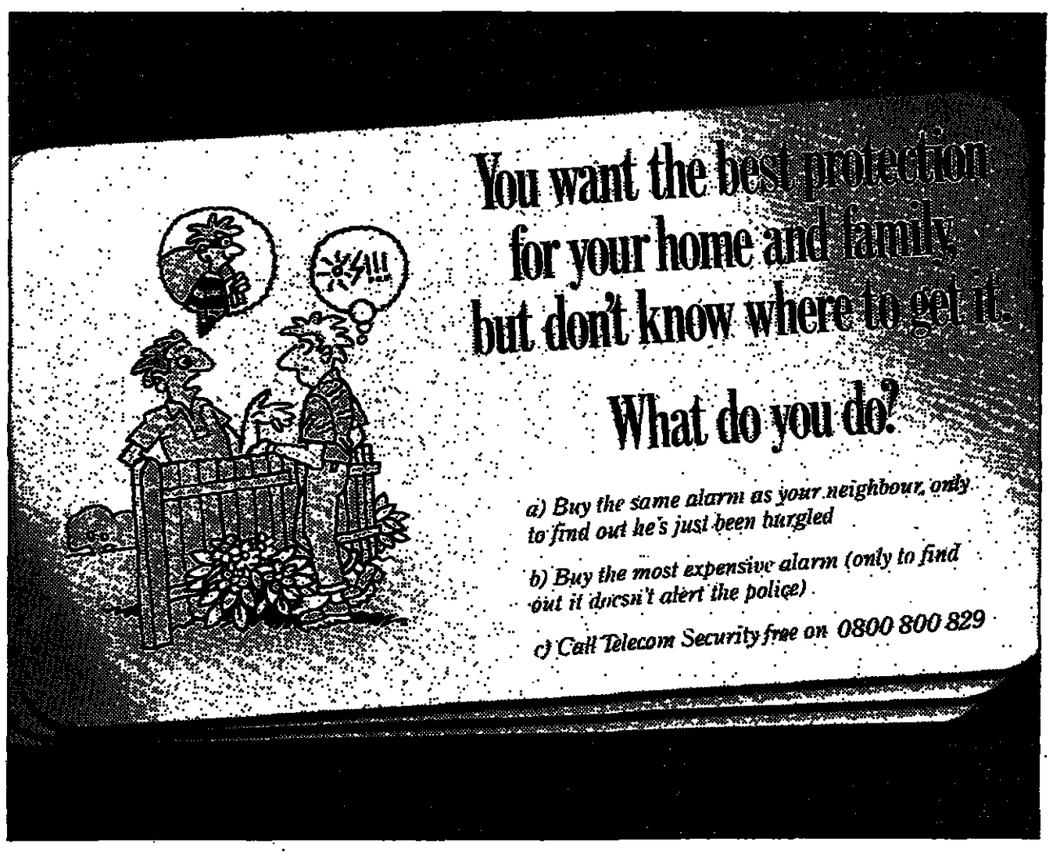
Uncharacteristically nervous ahead of the launch of his new collection of footwear and clothing for Asda, George Davis, the ex-Next boss, was described as "ecstatic" when the preview party in Asda's new Roehampton flagship store drew to a close at 11 pm — two hours later than scheduled. The 250 analysts, shareholders and journalists downed Asda champagne and pizza, and made appreciative noises as they inspected his wares — "This belongs in Oxford Street," said one. To prove the point they then spent almost £3,000 at the one cash till which had been opened up for their convenience. "It would have been a lot more except for the fact that the cashier couldn't accept Amex cards," said one organizer. And he also revealed that the assembled City folk's most popular purchase was lingerie.

Blair's text for today

If conglomerates analyst Angus Blair, from Kitcat & Aitken, is overheard muttering verses from the Bible to himself, you should not necessarily draw the conclusion that he has become a born-again Christian. For it is far more likely that he will be rehearsing his lines for a production of *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers* — based on *The Sobbin Women* by Stephen Vincent Benet — being performed at Westminster Theatre, Palace Street, from February 20 to 24 by the Stock Exchange Dramatic and Operatic Society. And Blair, who plays a preacher, promises: "It won't be a village hall production, we've spent £15,000 on it." Other City notables among the 25-strong cast include Warburg market-maker Robert Jollye, and Jeremy Lewis, joint managing director of Seymour Pierce Butterworth. The play is being directed by architect David Taylor, who is better known for having designed the tube station at Heathrow Airport's Terminal 4. And as for the tickets — which are priced at £5.50 and £6.50 — they are being sold by one June King, who, as luck would have it, works for a firm renowned for its placing power... Cazenove.

● **Quote from a local newspaper in the United States: "Work is something that when we have it we wish we did not; when we do not have it we wish we did, and the object of most of it is to be able to afford not to do any some day."**

Carol Leonard



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Charterhall hopeful as liquidator is called in to parent

By David Tweed, Sydney, and Angela Mackay

Westmex, the Australian parent of Charterhall, the British footwear and textile company, has gone into provisional liquidation with debts of about Aus$200 million (£89 million).

But Charterhall, which is 60 per cent-owned by Westmex, is still being supported by its main lender, the State Bank of New South Wales.

Charterhall owes the Bank of NSW about Aus$75 million. However, the bank and Coopers & Lybrand, Westmex's provisional liquidator, are hopeful that the British company, which had its shares suspended at 9½p in December, will stay in business.

CIBC Australia is owed about Aus$15 million by Charterhall and Banque Nationale de Paris about Aus$5 million.

Liquidators were appointed after National Australia Bank (NAB) broke ranks with other lenders and appointed a receiver manager to one of Westmex's key subsidiaries, Ancol, the stationery company. Westmex has been struggling since November when its shares started slipping on the Australian Stock Exchange.

Selling property: Goward

The market appeared convinced that Mr Russell Goward, who controlled Westmex and Charterhall, would be the next high-profile entrepreneur to become the victim of high gearing in the wake of Qintex, Hooker Corporation, Chase Corporation and Bond Corporation.

Mr Goward had often been quoted as saying he was only interested in unfashionable, recession-proof businesses with solid cash flow. However, negative market sentiment has apparently undone this strategy.

The New South Wales Supreme Court was told yesterday a second debt and interest moratorium agreed to by lenders, expired last Monday.

Westmex said it was told that NAB had appointed Mr John Murphy of Arthur Andersen, the accountant, as receiver to Ancol to protect a Aus$13.9 million loan.

The company sought to pre-empt similar moves by other creditors with a successful application in the NSW Supreme Court for the appointment of Mr Tony Sherlock of Coopers & Lybrand, the accountant, as provisional liquidator to 13 companies in the Westmex group.

Mr Murphy said last night that he was preparing an information memorandum on Ancol to offer it for sale to recover the NAB's money.

Mr Mark Chapple, Westmex's legal representative, said directors were not prepared to concede any of the companies were insolvent.

The court was told that Westpac Banking Corporation was another creditor. The hearing of Westmex's wind-up application is set for April 6.

Mr Goward said all of his companies' assets, as well as his own properties, were for sale to help raise funds to restore confidence.

Short-term views fuel buyouts, says Bank

By Neil Bennett

An increasingly short-term outlook among British venture capitalists has caused the surge in investment in management buyouts, says the Bank of England.

In an article on venture capital in its *Quarterly Bulletin*, published today, the Bank says that institutional managers have come under increasing pressure to show above-average short-term returns. This has led to concentration on management buyouts, which promise quicker exit routes, such as flotations, than start-up companies.

In 1988, buyouts took up 62 per cent of venture capital funds, up from only 28 per cent five years before. In the same period, total venture capital investment surged to £1.01 billion.

However, the number of companies in which investments were made grew by only 43 to 625 in the five years. The average investment grew from £392,000 to £1.6 million because of support for large buyouts.

The Bank says that short-termism is forcing venture capitalists to report more regularly to investors, offer minimum performance targets, and eliminate initial investment fees.

Caravans find a berth on SE

Management will retain a 40% holding: John Eastwood, managing director of ABI Leisure

£30m price tag on ABI

ABI Leisure, Britain's biggest caravan company, is to have a berth on the main market from February 20.

It will join the Stock Exchange with a capitalization of £30 million by way of a placing organized by NM Rothschild, the merchant bank.

Mr John Eastwood, the managing director, said ABI Leisure dominates the British caravan industry with a 24 per cent market share.

It made pre-tax profits of £4.3 million last year on sales of £56.6 million.

Full details of the placing price and the number of shares to be issued will be announced shortly before the flotation.

But Mr Eastwood said it is intended the management will retain a 40 per cent holding.

Existing institutional backers will keep a 15 per cent stake, with the remainder of the equity being split between new institutions and the public.

Proceeds from the placing will help pay off borrowings of £7 million and finance growth.

Mercurius lifts stake in Chloride to 6.17%

By Melinda Wittstock

Mercurius SA, the Swedish investment vehicle of Mr Peter Gyllenhammar, the elusive financier and chairman of Volvo, has lifted its stake in Chloride, the troubled British battery maker, from 5.1 per cent to 6.17 per cent.

Chloride, whose calls on Mercurius to clarify intentions after its purchase of the initial 5.1 per cent late last month, have not been returned, was unperturbed. Mr Michael Vass, finance director, said: "We have offered to talk but have had no contact." Mercurius, part of Mercurius Gruppen, the Swedish industrial holding company whose president and chief executive is Mr Gyllenhammar, has wide interests in shipping, offshore energy, commerce and investment banking.

Sources close to Gyllenhammar & Partners, which has about 19 per cent of North Sea Assets, the Edinburgh investment group, say Mercurius Gruppen has been intent on raising its profile in Britain for about a year.

Mercurius has also built up a 12.6 per cent stake in Phoenix Timber Group.

Chloride would be likely to fetch £125 million or 52p per share in a bid. The shares were unchanged at 38p.

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Stronger oil price lifts Triton Europe

By Sam Parkhouse

Triton Europe swelled its after-tax profits more than threefold to £1.6 million for the six months to November due to the success of production in the Paris Basin and the substantially stronger oil price in the period.

Mr Pat MacDonald, the general manager, puts a 26 per cent increase in turnover to £15.3 million entirely down to higher oil prices.

Oil analysts at Kitcat & Aitken, the broker, said that Brent Crude, for instance, traded at $18.5 a barrel at the end of 1989 compared with the $15.16 it started the year.

Triton's after-tax profits of £407,000 last time were a reflection of the discouraging effect a lower oil price had on the level of production onshore in the Paris Basin.

Mr Herbert Brewer, the chairman, said the introduction of horizontal penetration of wells was an important feature in the Villeperdue field, and the technique can result in significantly greater production compared with conventional wells.

Earnings per share rose from to 0.49p to 1.89p, but as last time no interim dividend is being paid.

Triton Energy, the US parent company, is progressing with its planned disposal of its 59 per cent stake in Triton Europe.

Mr MacDonald said the management will not be taking over this holding and it is to be placed with institutions by Credit Suisse First Boston.

Provident Mutual and Legal & General at present hold about 12 per cent of the company.

The shares gained 1p to 232p, which compares with a price of 176p prevalent when the parent company's intentions were announced last week.

Texas Air slumps to record loss

By Our City Staff

Texas Air Corp, citing heavy losses at its Eastern Airlines subsidiary, has said that it lost $362.8 million (£213 million) in the fourth quarter, up from a loss of $224.4 million a year earlier.

For the year, Texas had an $885.6 million loss.

Although rising fuel costs and less traffic hurt all airlines in the last quarter, investors have been particularly worried about Texas Air because of its high debt and interest costs.

Mr Frank Lorenzo, chairman of Texas Air, said Eastern's attempt to reorganize under Chapter 11 of the US Bankruptcy Code had had a large effect on the parent company's results.

Eastern had a loss of $282.6 million for the quarter, compared with a loss of $101.7 million in the corresponding quarter of 1988. For the year, the carrier lost $852.3 million.

Texas Air's other airline subsidiary, Continental Airlines, lost $56.1 million in the quarter, down from a $99.2 million loss a year ago.

Under the reorganization plan, Eastern hopes to break even in this year's second half.

For the year, Continental made a $3.1 million profit, compared with a $315.5 million loss in 1988.

Managers 'lack job awareness'

By Colin Narbrough

Too many managers are over-optimistic about their ability to cope with the shrinking youth labour market, according to Dr David Parsons, manpower adviser to the National Economic Development Office.

This is because of their lack of awareness about wider structural shifts in the labour force, he writes in the latest *Employment Gazette*.

Dr Parson notes that a recent survey of 2,000 employers showed only one in five knew that the overall size of the workforce would grow in the early 1990s. Only one in seven expected a substantial fall in school and college leavers.

But the demand for qualified personnel is expected to continue to rise, posing a further problem for recruiters heavily dependent on well-qualified young people.

By the turn of the century, the adult labour force is expected to be 2.3 million larger than in 1988, more than offsetting, in numbers if not age terms, a 1.3 million decline in the under-25s during the period.

The survey showed 10 per cent of employers were considering changing their human resources strategies.

Lack of computer staff worries firms

By Nick Nuttall, Technology Correspondent

A shortage of computer staff is one of the most crucial concerns among British companies throughout the country, according to a new survey into skills shortages.

One in five company managers and employees questioned said it was one of the most pressing issues facing the firm.

Few of those asked gave poor transportation as a worry but many believed a lack of foreign language skills and poor child care facilities must be addressed if British industry is to thrive in the coming years.

The survey by Peat Marwick McLintock, the accountant, of 104 of the *Times* 1,000 companies, also found high concerns over the emerging shortage in school leavers.

Few companies or employees are worried about environmental problems at work with smoking a very low concern.

Most of those asked were, however, deeply concerned about the training of workers with almost 25 per cent of companies and half employees convinced Government should play a better role.

A deep-seated resistance to re-location within Europe was also registered.

A third of firms frowned on the benefits of working from home and almost quarter said they did not approve of job sharing.

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N American firms to invest £4bn in UK cable television

By Melinda Wittstock

North American cable television and telephone companies will have invested £4 billion to connect 14.5 million British homes to cable television by 1995, industry sources claim.

Cash-rich US and Canadian telecommunications companies, seeking a way into a deregulated European telephone and cable market from 1992, have revived the fortunes of an industry which suffered throughout the 1980s from City unease about the high cost of installing networks and slow rates of return.

Though the City remains sceptical, large North American regional telephone operators — known as "Baby Bells" — have already transformed the industry by committing hundreds of millions of pounds to the British franchises they own in the approach to 1992 when the review of British Telecom's and Mercury's duopoly is complete.

US West — a regional telephone company covering 14 US states with interests in eight British cable franchises and applications tendered for four others that have been advertised — is spending £200 million in the next few years laying cable that will reach about 3 million people.

"Our goal is to lay down telephone wires as we put down the cable so we can offer British people better and cheaper services," said Miss Bonnie Blecha, US West's vice-president of cable operations.

She said US West, with annual sales of more than $9 billion (£5.35 billion), expects to see a large return from its investment in the late 1990s, when 40 per cent of British homes will be connected to cable.

Maclean Hunter, the Canadian publisher and printer which is also one of the biggest cable operators in the US and Canada, is investing £250 million on its five existing British cable franchises to serve 860,000 homes.

Mr Scott Colbran, senior vice-president of the UK and Canadian cable television division, said Maclean Hunter also wished to instal a compatible telephone network in its franchise areas — east Lancashire, Suffolk (Ipswich), Devon (Plymouth, Exeter and Torbay), Staffordshire (Stoke-on-Trent and Newcastle-under-Lyme) and Cheshire.

Maclean Hunter, the first to build cable systems in North America in the 1950s, said it expects a total penetration of 40 per cent by the year 2000, compared to the 60 per cent level seen in the US ten years after cable took off in the 1970s.

Other North American cable and telephone companies which have allocated hundreds of millions of pounds on their UK franchises include: Comcast, Jones Intercable, Videotron, United Artists International, Bell Canada, Pacific Telefis and Southwestern Bell. Smaller US investors include Masada, Cablecast and Crosscountry Cable.

In line with a surge of investment interest from across the Atlantic, the number of franchises awarded and advertised picked up dramatically. In early 1989, only 30 had been awarded. The Cable Authority said another 57 franchises had since been allocated, 30 have been advertised and applications accepted, 20 are being advertised and 29 are coming up for advertisement soon.

Mr Jon Davey, director general of the Cable Authority, said 136 franchises covering 14.5 million British homes will be in operation by 1995, costing about £4 billion. "Virtually all of the money is coming from North America," he said.

Mr Davey expects flotations among the cable franchises in the mid-1990s as the industry becomes profitable.

He said British cable television companies and their North American investors are hoping the duopoly review will make them independent local public telecoms operators so they may offer subscribers a telephone service and the benefits of cable — including home shopping and banking, access to data bases and video conference networks, as well as 50 television channels, 20 radio stations and access to satellite programming — much more cheaply, given economies of scale.

At the moment, franchisees are able to act only as agents for BT and Mercury, while both British telephone companies are prevented from using their existing telephone networks to deliver television programming to customers.

City welcomes 'U-turn on TV'

By Martin Waller

Stance on quality: David Mellor, the Home Office Minister

The Government's apparent "U-turn" over independent television — emphasizing programming quality — has been welcomed by City analysts.

They believe it has made it more likely existing broadcasters will retain their franchises after the next bidding round.

Shares in medium-sized and larger television companies have added a few pence — against the market trend — since the weekend announcement, with the exception of TVS Entertainment, off 10p and still depressed by the MTM acquisition.

Miss Brouwen Maddox, television analyst at Kleinwort Benson, said the suggestion by Mr David Mellor, Home Office Minister, that franchises would not necessarily go to the highest bidder but that suppliers of outstanding programmes could be given preference, was "the best of both worlds" for the Government.

It meant the authorities would retain some control of the ITV network but the Treasury would also benefit from the income from bidders in the franchise round, she said.

Mr Chris Akers, at Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers, said Mr Mellor's stance, which indicated the Government's interpretation of the relevant clause of the Broadcasting Bill being debated by a Commons committee this week, favoured the incumbents over other media groups attempting to force their way into the British television industry.

The ITV companies have been concerned that programme standards would fall if strict financial criteria were allowed to govern the franchise round.

"I think there will be a feeling of *déjà vu* when people wake up in January 1992 — we're going to see pretty much the same corporate logos," said Mr Akers.

"It makes it very difficult for an outsider to put up a realistic application."

Before that, however, ITV contractors would have to weather the current downturn in advertising revenue, with a 5 per cent drop likely for the first quarter of 1990, he added.

Miss Maddox thought programme quality would have to be affected, even under the less commercial arrangement suggested by Mr Mellor, because television companies would still have to put up money out of their production budgets for the new franchises.

She thought that "for decorum's sake" a small number of existing holders would have to lose their franchises, "to avoid the appearance of a cosy cartel which merely assigned ITV areas to the existing holders."

PE Kemp drops curtain on payout

By Philip Pangalos

The final dividend has been dropped at PE Kemp, the Third Market theatrical engineer and scenery builder, after the company revealed it had slid into the red following a further decline in trading.

This compares with a payment of 1.5p last time, making a total of 0.5p this year, against 2p last year. The shares fell by 5p to 28p on the news.

The pre-tax loss is £381,000 for the year to end-October, against last time's profit of £177,000, resulting in a 8.49p loss per share, compared with 2.74p of earnings previously.

A combination of lower spending on production, coupled with shows running longer and Government cuts in arts subsidies led to a slip in turnover from £3.32 million to £3.12 million. There was an extraordinary loss of £94,000 relating to receivership costs of Unit One Production Services, the 25 per cent-owned trade show and conference production services company.

Cost-cutting measures have been introduced and attempts are being made to reduce bank borrowings. Current bank debt is in excess of £600,000.

HK interest rate future 'a success'

From Lulu Yu, Hong Kong

The launch of a new interest rate futures contract has been hailed as a resounding success, heralding the revival of the colony's once-battered and still-stagnant futures market.

More than 1,200 91-day Hong Kong interbank offered rate (Hibor) contracts changed hands in just 30 minutes of trading yesterday, easily surpassing the expected volume of 1,000.

It was the first new product launched on the futures market since May 1986, and is considered vital to restore confidence in the colony's futures exchange since a HK$4 billion (£307 million) bail-out by the government following the October 1987 crash.

Mr David Nendick, Secretary for Monetary Affairs, said the contract had been welcomed by major Hong Kong financial institutions.

"There are people who would like to protect themselves against the risks of interest rates going up or down, so there will be a market. I think there is every sign that it is going to be a success," he added.

Moody's cuts Japanese bank ratings

New York — Moody's Investors Service has lowered the debt ratings of three Japanese banks because of the problems they face in the Japanese property market.

Senior debt ratings at Sumitomo Trust and Banking, the world's second largest bank, and at Mitsubishi Trust and Banking, the fourth-largest, were reduced to AA2, from AA1. Senior debt of the Mitsui Trust and Banking, the eleventh largest bank, were reduced to AA3, from AA2.

Japanese interest rates have increased sharply, and prices of some property in urban areas in Japan have quadrupled since the mid-1980s.

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LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Alld Lyon (*486)	460	47	55	69	8	18	20
	500	20	32	47	27	36	38
	550	6	15	25	69	70	70
ASDA (*106)	110	9	14	16	9	11	13
	120	4½	10	13	17	18	20
	130	4	7	–	24	26	–
Bass (*663)	1000	52	80	110	32	40	45
	1050	28	54	82	65	68	72
	1100	13	35	–	115	115	–
Boots (*269)	260	23	28	36	7½	12	15
	280	11½	17	25	18	23	24
	300	5½	–	–	34	–	–
Brit Air (*197)	180	26	26	35	3	7	6
	200	13	16	24	11	15	17
	220	5	8½	14	25	28	30
Brit Com (*70)	70	9	12	16	9	11	12
	80	5	8	13	14	16	18
	90	4	6	9	22	24	26
BP (*341)	300	45	52	60	2	4½	6
	330	21	28	37	6½	13	17
	360	6½	14	22	34	27	30
Brit Steel (*134)	120	18½	20½	22½	1½	3½	3½
	135	7	–	–	5½	–	–
	145	3	–	–	12	–	–
C & W (*536)	460	97	112	–	4	9	–
	500	63	82	100	13	21	25
	550	33	48	70	33	40	47
Com Union (*495)	460	42	60	70	10	15	19
	500	20	36	45	23	30	34
	550	6	16	26	70	70	70
Courtauld (*381)	330	64	71	–	3	7	–
	360	40	48	56	8	15	19
	390	22	30	40	20	29	32
GKN (*404)	390	25	40	50	15	23	25
	420	12	25	35	35	42	45
	460	5	15	23	70	72	75
Grand Met (*594)	550	65	87	98	7½	13	19
	600	30	58	68	27	30	39
	650	11	30	43	62	62	65
ICI (*1078)	1050	55	93	110	42	50	60
	1100	35	65	85	74	80	85
	1150	17	43	–	112	115	–
Jaguar (*849)	800	–	82	–	½	½	–
	850	½	½	–	–	1	–
Kingfisher (*275)	280	28	31	40	5½	11	12
	290	16	20	26	14	19	23
	300	7½	13	19	27	33	34
Ladbroke (*312)	300	26	34	45	7½	13	15
	330	11	16	32	23	28	29
	360	4	9	–	52	52	–
Land Sec (*465)	460	52	60	75	4½	11	15
	500	25	35	50	18	27	30
	550	9	16	30	60	64	65
M & S (*208)	180	33	36	42	1	2½	4
	200	17	21	28	5	8	10
	220	6½	11	17	18	19	20
STC (*252)	240	23	33	40	11	15	19
	260	13	22	30	22	25	28
	280	6	15	–	35	38	–
Sainsbury (*258)	240	31	38	44	4	5	7
	260	16	22	30	9	13	15
	280	7	13	20	24	25	26
Shell (*474)	420	60	73	85	4	10	12
	460	28	45	55	16	22	27
	500	10	27	35	40	42	48
Reid Beech (*538)	500	55	72	90	10	15	20
	550	25	42	60	30	35	40
	600	10	23	37	70	70	75
Storehse (*112)	100	17	20	23	3	6	8
	110	12	15	17	7	11	12
	120	6½	10	13	12	17	17
Trafalgar (*345)	330	37	44	54	11	18	20
	360	17	27	40	25	32	35
	390	8	16	–	47	52	–
Ultramar (*388)	330	45	58	70	5	9	12
	360	25	42	52	16	20	24
	390	12	25	37	33	37	40
Unilever (*660)	650	36½	58½	79½	17½	23½	25½
	700	13	32	51½	48½	51½	53½
	750	4	16	–	95½	94	–
Utd Biscs (*340)	330	22	33	42	13	17	17
	360	8½	18	27	32	35	35
	390	3½	10	–	56	58	–

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
BAA (*379)	360	24	43	50	3	10	14
	390	6	24	32	15	20	27
	420	1½	11	18	41	42	45
BAT Ind (*800)	750	65	90	120	3	15	21
	800	23	55	85	15	35	42
	850	6	35	57	52	62	70
BTR (*437)	420	24	39	53	3	15	18
	460	3	19	32	27	35	38
	500	1	7	18	67	67	68
Brit Aero (*544)	500	50	67	85	2	18	24
	550	14	37	56	17	37	50
	600	2	19	35	60	72	80
Brit Tele (*298)	280	20	34	41	1	6	8
	300	7	21	27	6	12	16
	330	1	7	13	34	34	34
Cadbury (*340)	330	16	28	42	6½	18	22
	360	3½	16	28	26	38	39
	390	2	9	55	60	–	–
Guinness (*643)	600	48	63	83	2	14	18
	650	11	32	52	18	35	39
	700	2	14	32	63	68	70
GEC (*225)	200	26	35	41	1	4	5
	220	9	20	27	4½	8	12
	240	1½	10	16	19	20	23
Hanson (*228)	200	29½	37	41	1	1¾	3½
	220	10½	23	28	1½	5½	8½
	240	1½	10½	15½	14	15½	17½
LASMO (*514)	550	65	87	105	1	10	18
	600	23	55	73	10	27	37
	650	5	28	48	43	53	60

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
P & O (*598)	550	53½	67½	86½	2	11½	15
	600	12½	34½	54½	11½	30½	34½
	650	2½	15½	30	54½	65½	67
Pilkington (*225)	200	25	36	–	1½	4	–
	220	8	22	28	4	9	14
	240	1	11	15	19	19	23
Pleasey (*258)	260	11	–	–	½	–	–
	280	½	½	–	–	–	–
Prudential (*216)	200	20	25	31	3	6	7
	220	5	13	19	5	13	16
	240	1½	5	10	24	27	29
Racal (*220)	210	15	27	–	2½	9	–
	230	4	15	–	15	20	–
	250	1½	–	–	34	–	–
RTZ (*506)	493	23	–	–	6	–	–
	542	4	–	–	40	–	–
	600	1½	8	17	100	105	105
Scot & New (*327)	330	10	20	36	13	22	28
	360	3	16	21	37	36	41
	390	1½	8½	–	67	67	–
Tesco (*187)	180	16½	26½	32½	1½	5½	4½
	200	3½	12½	19½	6½	10½	12½
	220	1½	5½	–	25	26½	–

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Abbey Nat (*185)	160	26	28	33	2	3	4
	180	10	15	20	7	10	12
	200	2	7	11	22	24	27

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Mar	Puts May	Puts Aug
Ferranti (*39)	30	9½	11½	–	2	3½	–
	35	6½	8½	–	4½	6	–
	40	5½	6½	–	7	9	–
Polly Peck (*408)	390	34½	47	62½	11½	21½	25½
	420	18½	30	45½	25½	37½	41½
	460	6½	17	–	57½	65½	–
Thames Wtr (*155)	140	18	22	27	¾	2	6
	160	5½	11	15	9	11	16
	180	1½	4	–	25	26	–
Wtr Package (*1633)	1600	95	145	180	40	50	100
	1650	70	110	140	60	70	120
	1700	45	90	120	90	95	140

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls Apr	Calls Jun	Puts Feb	Puts Apr	Puts Jun
Reuters (*1039)	950	86½	127	–	21½	–	–
	1000	53½	–	–	52½	–	–
	1050	22	63	–	86½	82½	–

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Amstrad (*51)	45	9	12	15	2	6½	7
	50	6½	10	12	4	7½	9½
	60	2½	6	9	12	13	15
Barclays (*584)	500	72	80	90	3	8	13
	550	31	45	57	17	23	30
	600	8	22	33	52	52	55
Blue Circ (*230)	200	35	38	–	1½	3½	–
	220	17	23	30	4	10½	13
	250	5½	–	–	22	–	–
Brit Gas (*223)	200	27	36	39	1½	4½	6
	220	11	22	24	4½	8	11
	240	2½	9½	12	19	20	22
Dixons (*127)	120	12	17	20	2	6	7
	130	5	11	14	8	10	12
	140	2	7	10	15	16	20
Glaxo (*696)	700	32	59	84	25	37	40
	725	20	47	–	40	47	–
	750	13	35	56	62	65	67
Hawker (*653)	650	32	60	88	20	36	45
	700	19	35	68	55	75	80
	750	8	25	45	105	113	115
Milbdown (*264)	260	13	23	32	7	15	18
	280	6	13	23	22	25	27
	300	3	7	14	42	43	44
Lonhro (*295)	280	19	33	43	9	16	18
	300	10	23	33	21	26	28
	330	4	13	20	47	47	48
Midland (*367)	330	42	50	–	5	10	–
	360	21	32	41	20	23	33
	390	7	20	30	45	46	52
R-Royce (*179)	160	24	26	32	1½	5	6½
	180	8½	13½	20	8	12	15
	200	2	6½	12	23	26	27
Sears (*105)	100	10	14	16	2½	5	8
	110	5	8½	11½	6	11	13
	120	2½	5	8	16½	18½	21
THF (*284)	280	15	20	32	7½	15	17
	300	7	13	22	19	27	29
	330	2	5	13	49	51	51
Thorn EMI (*764)	700	77	112	–	4½	15	–
	750	37	70	80	18	33	41
	800	14	44	50	44	52	66
TSB (*139)	130	11	17	18	2½	5	7
	140	5	9	12	8	10	13
	160	2	3	6	26	27	29
Vaal Reefs (*$135)	130	12	19	23	9	13	16
	140	8½	14½	19	14	18	22
Wellcome (*696)	650	75	107	–	11	30	–
	700	40	78	105	35	50	55
	750	20	52	80	63	75	75

FT-SE INDEX (*2309)

	2250	2300	2350	2400	2450	2500
Calls						
Feb	80	45	23	11	4½	2
Mar	100	72	51	30	17	11
Apr	137	103	75	54	38	25
May	155	122	90	72	50	38
Jun	–	145	–	87	–	55
Dec	–	210	–	161	–	123
Puts						
Feb	20	36	63	105	155	203
Mar	38	57	81	122	170	215
Apr	49	70	93	130	174	185
May	55	77	93	123	158	198
Jun	–	80	–	135	–	200
Dec	–	120	–	150	–	211

February 7, 1990 Total: 32791 Calls 17983 Puts 15228 FT-SE: Calls 2729 Puts 4287

*Underlying security price.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings February 5 | Last Dealings February 16 | Last Declaration May 10 | For Settlement May 21

Call options were taken out on: 7/2/90 Arabex, Amstrad, Avivs, Butte Mining, Cityvision, Ivernia, London & Manchester, Nu-Swift, Oliver Resources.

Puts: Courtaulds.

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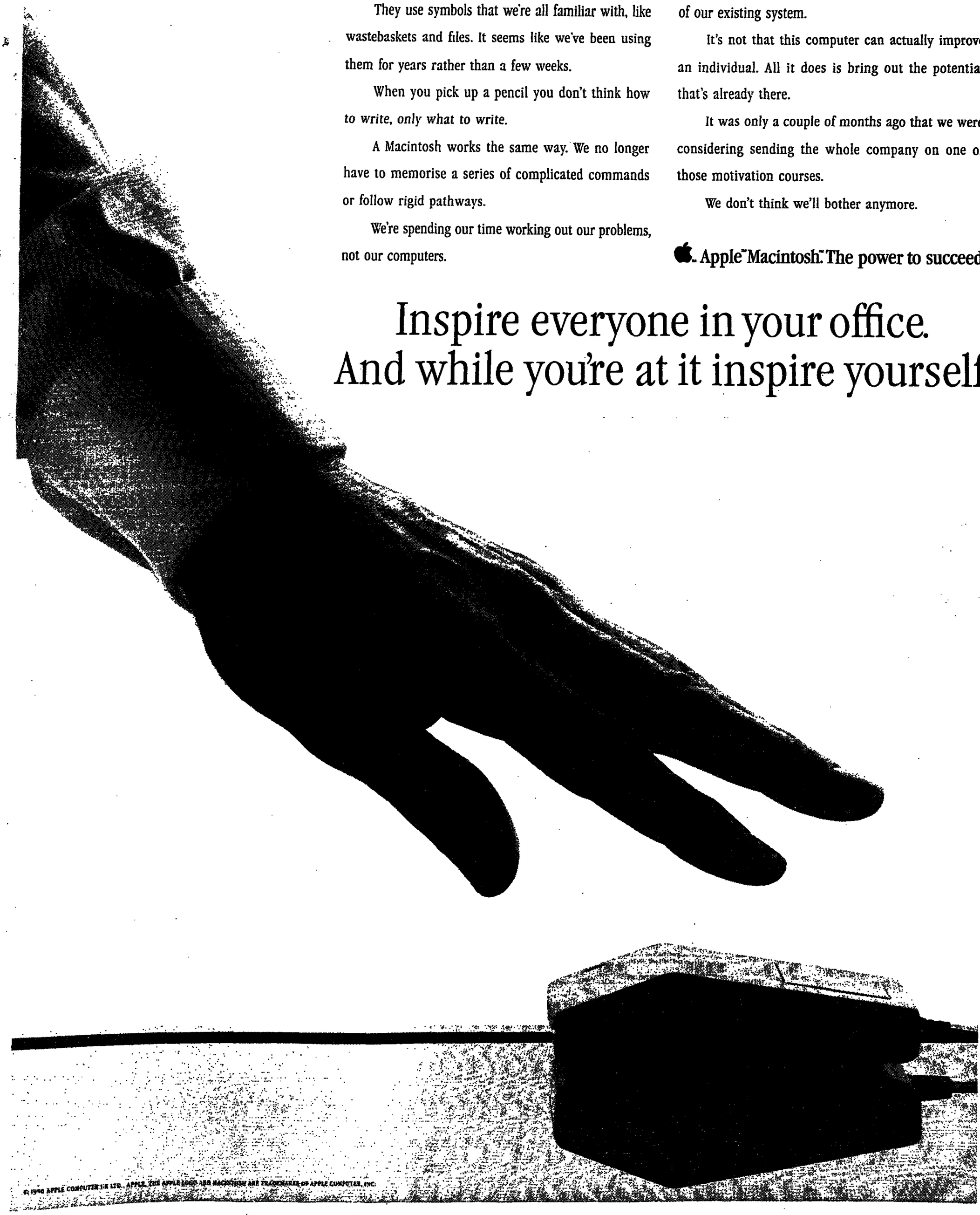

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WORLD MARKETS

Tokyo hit by talk of shares scandal

From Joe Joseph, Tokyo

Speculation that another Recruit-type scandal was about to sweep Japan — before this month's general election — wiped almost one per cent off share prices on the Tokyo stock market yesterday.

The Nikkei average lost 364.96 points to close at 37,301.87, although the reluctance of big institutions to enter the market before the February 18 poll has made for a thin market and wild price swings in recent weeks.

Japan's ruling Liberal Democrats have a good chance of maintaining control of the government. However, some dealers fear a repeat of last summer's elections for the Upper House, when anger over links between government MPs and the Recruit bribery scandal delivered control of the second chamber to the Socialist-led opposition.

The Tokyo stock market was recently shaken by a Japanese newspaper report that Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, the former Prime Minister, was involved in shady share deals transacted by a former aide. Mr Nakasone is sueing the newspaper, which is standing by its story, for libel.

So yesterday's speculation about another scandal linking a senior member of the ruling party and a company in the Japanese over-the-counter market played on traders' already jangled nerves.

Worries that Japan's interest rates may have to rise again to support the yen have also hit the market.

FRANKFURT

Selling depresses Dax

Frankfurt (AP Dow-Jones) — Shares closed broadly lower in moderate trading as operators took profits on recent gains. A downwards technical correction in prices had been widely expected with signs as early as Monday that last week's rally was running out of steam. The wave of selling took the bourse nearly 2 per cent lower just after the opening. Selling pressure came partly from investor nervousness about the future of President Mikhail Gorbachev of the Soviet Union. The 30-share Dax fell 37.62 points to 1,900.10.

HONG KONG

Surge in Hang Seng

Share prices surged 1.9 per cent in active trading, producing their best single-day performance since last year.

Dealers said local investors and regional investment funds returned to the market in force believing last Friday's sharp one-day fall marked a bottoming out.

The Hang Seng index rose 52.0 points to 2,844.89.

Turnover was up to HK$1.104 billion (£84.9 million) from Tuesday's HK$754 million.

WORLD MARKET INDICES

Index	Value	Daily ch'ge (£)	Yearly ch'ge (£)	Daily ch'ge (lc)*	Yearly ch'ge (lc)*	Daily ch'ge (US$)	Yearly ch'ge (US$)
The World	763.2	-0.7	-9.5	-0.5	-4.7	-0.9	-4.6
(free)	145.8	-0.7	-9.6	-0.5	-4.8	-0.9	-4.7
EAFE	1426.7	-0.8	-8.4	-0.9	-4.1	-1.1	-3.5
(free)	146.7	-0.8	-8.5	-1.0	-4.3	-1.1	-3.6
Europe	733.3	-0.9	-3.6	-1.2	-2.0	-1.1	1.6
(free)	157.5	-0.9	-3.7	-1.4	-2.3	-1.2	1.5
Nth America	474.1	-0.4	-11.9	-0.6	-6.9	-0.6	-7.1
Nordic	1563.1	-0.2	0.4	-0.6	3.3	-0.4	5.8
(free)	241.9	-0.2	2.8	-0.6	5.7	-0.4	8.4
Pacific	3525.0	-0.8	-11.1	-0.7	-5.3	-1.1	-6.3
Far East	5139.1	-0.8	-11.2	-0.7	-5.5	-1.0	-6.4
Australia	315.0	-2.0	-9.3	-1.5	-0.6	-2.3	-4.4
Austria	1886.7	-0.6	27.0	-1.2	30.9	-0.9	33.8
Belgium	903.2	0.1	-8.3	-0.4	-5.8	-0.2	-3.3
Canada	528.6	0.8	-12.0	1.1	-4.3	0.5	-7.2
Denmark	1354.6	0.5	2.9	0.0	5.3	0.2	8.5
Finland	120.3	-0.5	4.3	-0.8	6.5	-0.7	9.9
(free)	154.1	0.1	3.4	-0.2	5.5	-0.2	8.9
France	741.4	-1.1	-8.3	-1.6	-5.9	-1.3	-3.4
Germany	952.8	-1.4	3.8	-2.0	6.8	-1.6	9.4
Hong Kong	2109.6	2.1	-4.9	1.9	0.3	1.9	0.2
Italy	364.5	-1.2	-5.4	-1.4	-3.1	-1.5	-0.4
Japan	5458.2	-0.8	-11.5	-0.8	-5.8	-1.1	-6.7
Netherlands	862.1	-1.1	-8.8	-1.6	-6.1	-1.4	-3.9
New Zealand	94.3	-2.5	-8.5	-1.6	-3.4	-2.8	-3.6
Norway	1516.2	0.3	13.0	0.0	15.8	0.0	19.0
(free)	263.3	0.3	12.7	0.0	15.6	0.1	18.8
Sing/Malay	2051.0	0.2	2.8	0.0	6.0	-0.1	8.4
Spain	221.7	0.4	-6.4	0.0	-3.1	0.1	-1.3
Sweden	1683.9	-0.5	-4.0	-0.9	-0.8	-0.8	1.2
(free)	238.3	-1.0	-1.6	-1.4	1.7	-1.2	3.7
Switzerland	887.7	-1.0	-2.9	-0.9	-1.7	-1.2	2.3
(free)	135.8	-1.1	-2.7	-1.0	-1.5	-1.3	2.5
UK	685.0	-0.8	-5.0	-0.8	-5.0	-1.1	0.1
USA	425.8	-0.5	-11.9	-0.7	-7.1	-0.7	-7.1

(lc)* Local currency. Source: Morgan Stanley Capital International.

STOCK MARKET

Revived talk of bid lifts Sears from 'low' threat

By Michael Clark

Takeover talk was revived again at Sears, the troubled retailing group, after another burst of activity boosted the total number of shares traded in the past two days to more than 22 million.

The share price, which has been hovering dangerously close to its low of 98p, rallied 4p to 104p as 11 million shares changed hands.

This week, Hoare Govett, the stockbroker, crossed a line of 3 million shares. This was the signal for a few cheap buyers to pick up stock.

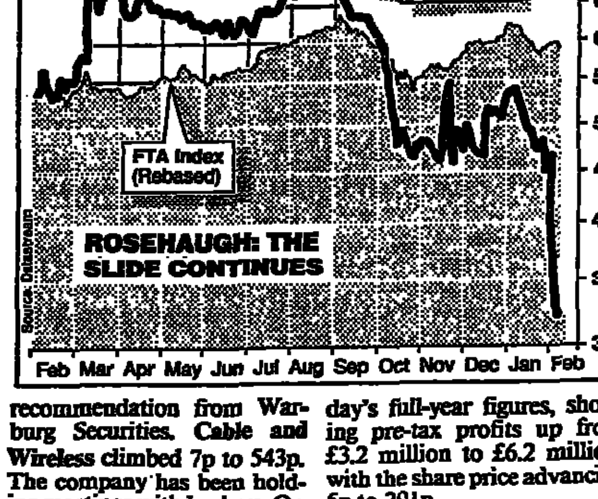
Much of yesterday's activity centred on the options market, where Smith New Court, the broker, was said to have bought 2,000 out-of-the-money call options, equivalent to 2 million shares. Last month, Sears announced plans for a reconstruction of its shoe business. This was followed by a downgrading of profits by UBS Phillips & Drew, the broker. The speculators claim the group's ailing fortunes make it vulnerable to an unwanted bid.

The rest of the equity market spent another lacklustre session, with investors still anxious about falling bond prices round the world.

Turnover in London remained thin, with only 368 million shares traded. The FT-SE 100 index fluctuated nervously, spending the first half of the day reflecting events on the futures markets and the remainder watching progress on Wall Street. It closed 13.7 points down at 2,307.4 after briefly dipping below the 2,300 level. The FT index of 30 shares shed 9.4 to 1,826.2.

Government securities were left nursing losses stretching to almost £1 at the longer end, anxiously awaiting the outcome of this week's bond market auction in New York.

Among leaders, **Reed International** resisted the downward pressure to score a gain of 3p at 415p. Dealers said the shares were benefiting from a



recommendation from Warburg Securities. **Cable and Wireless** climbed 7p to 543p. The company has been holding meetings with brokers. On Tuesday, it met Warburg and Hoare, and the latter raised its forecast for Mercury.

Williams Holdings closed unchanged at 239p. A buy recommendation is published today by Robert Fleming Securities, which says the shares stand at a 30 per cent discount to the market and are capable of a big rerating during the next 18 months. Cash flow, it adds, will be strong.

British Telecom eased 5p to 298p before today's third quarter figures, while news of a further delay in the sale of its cosmetics business left **Smith-Kline Beecham** 7p lower at 537p.

Shares in **Reuters**, the international news agency and financial information group, rose 18p to £10.39. Full-year figures next week are expected to show pre-tax profits growing from £215 million to £275 million.

Mr Andrew Lloyd Webber has confirmed speculation that he intends to take the **Really Useful Group** private again. The price jumped 10p to 228p.

Securiguard Group responded positively to Tuesday's full-year figures, showing pre-tax profits up from £3.2 million to £6.2 million, with the share price advancing 5p to 291p.

The slide continued for **Rosehaugh**, the troubled property developer, with the price losing a further 13p to a year's low of 320p in the wake of this week's heavily discounted £125 million rights issue. The shares have fallen 145p in the past three days as the extent of the difficulties the group is facing become known.

Apprehension is growing in the City over whether fund managers will take up their entitlements and provide the group with much-needed cash.

The terms, one-for-one at 200p, are attractive, but require an act of faith in the company on the part of the institutions. Debts have been mounting at Rosehaugh and stand at £410 million, against net assets of only £480 million. The group also has a large number of projects under development and the collapse in the property market has squeezed earnings.

Monument Oil and Gas added ½p to a new peak of 38¾p in a falling market. Brokers said a big buyer has been shadowing the shares for some time, fuelling talk of a bid from Petrofina, the Belgian oil company. The speculators say Petrofina would have to offer at least 50p a share.

The Rosehaugh factor hit other highly geared property companies, with **Regentcrest** down 2p at 15p and **Priest Marians** 10p lower at 178p. **Laing Properties**, up 2p to 660p, is on the receiving end of an unwanted £441 million joint bid from P&O and Chelsfield, the privately-owned property company, which already owns almost 15 per cent of Laing. The terms are worth 650p a share.

Regalian, London Dockland's biggest residential developer, rose 4p to 85p on news that it was selling the bulk of its unsold flats in London and the South of England on a 50-50 shared-ownership basis.

The latest storms cut a swathe through the insurance composites. The sector has been insulated by takeover talk, but falls were seen in **Commercial Union**, 11p to 493p, **General Accident**, 20p to £11.43, **Guardian Royal Exchange**, 3p to 239p, **Royal Insurance**, 6p to 502p, and **Sun Alliance**, 3p to 310p.

Some analysts calculate that claims could reach the £3 billion mark in Britain, although a large proportion of this will be absorbed by reinsurance.

The clearing banks remained overshadowed by the possibility of losing some of their tax losses in connection with Third World debt. The dividend season gets underway this month and is expected to see the banks increase provisions for bad debt. Falls were seen in **Barclays Bank**, 6p to 565p, **Lloyds Bank**, 5p to 290p, after 288p, and **National Westminster Bank**, 3p to 344p. Only **Midland Bank** was able to resist the trend, firming 2p to 367p.

Royal Bank of Scotland was 1p lighter at 207p. Some brokers say someone has been building up a stake.

Unigate buys Dutch food distributor

Unigate, the chilled foods and distribution group, has acquired Ebrex, a Dutch distribution company based in Rotterdam.

The purchase was made through Wincanton Group, its distribution arm.

Ebrex manages the movement of imported fruit and vegetables through Rotterdam harbour and Schipol Airport to retailers in northern Europe and Scandinavia. It has an annual turnover of more than £10 million.

Mr David Yeomans, Wincanton's managing director, said the acquisition was in line with the strategy of expanding into continental Europe in the transport of perishable goods.

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
ADT	1,128	CU	1,876	L&G	653	Scot & N	600
Abbey Nat	3,572	Cookson	527	Lloyds	3,451	Sears	11,437
Alld-Lyons	1,133	Courtaulds	2,460	Lloyds Abb	383	Sedgwick	635
Amstrad	1,157	Dalgety	338	Lonrho	1,417	Shell	2,259
ASDA	1,670	Dixons	645	Lucas	268	Siebe	114
AB Foods	92	ECC	247	M&S	7,355	Slough	246
Argyll	1,276	Enterprise	393	Maxwell Cm	101	Smith & N	1,594
BAA	163	Ferranti	4,004	MB Group	618	SK Beech	2,099
BET	906	Fisons	784	MEPC	927	Smith WH	193
BTR	1,945	FKI	2,868	Midland	1,312	Smiths Ind	688
BAT	2,749	Gen Acc	160	Nat West	2,207	STC	2,125
Barclays	633	GEC	5,154	Next	1,848	Stan Chart	642
Bass	475	Glaxo	2,132	Nth Food	319	Storehse	919
Beazer	441	Globe Inv	170	P&O	497	Sun Allnce	2,117
Berisfd Intl	150	Glynwed	54	Pearson	7	T & N	1,595
BICC	732	Granada	1,702	Pilkington	1,658	TI Group	100
Blue Arrow	64	Grand Met	2,533	Polly Peck	857	Tarmac	1,178
Blue Circle	605	GUS 'A'	115	Prudential	3,700	Tate & Lyle	2,630
BOC	239	GRE	957	Racal	5,284	Taylor Wd	1,030
Boots	1,445	GKN	372	Racal Tele	577	TSB	4,577
BPB	961	Guinness	1,688	Rk Hovs	228	Tesco	2,039
Br Aero	1,002	Hamm 'A'	48	Rank	357	Thorn EMI	407
Br Airways	2,240	Hanson	7,091	R&C	261	Trafalgar	701
Br Comm	401	H & C	626	Redland	518	THF	717
Br Gas	3,215	Hawker	77	Reed	702	Ultramar	1,567
Br Land	331	Hillsdown	3,025	Reuters	1,887	Unigate	446
Br Petrol	7,004	IMI	344	RMC Gp	270	Unilever	1,175
Br Steel	2,934	ICI	998	RTZ	1,801	United Bis	559
Br Telecm	5,049	Inchcape	744	R-Royce	1,024	Utd News	102
Bunzl	790	Jaguar	4	Rothmn 'B'	342	Wellcome	377
Burmah	583	Kingfisher	1,000	Royal Bank	794	Whitbrd	4,892
Burton	911	Lasmo	1,086	Royal Ins	1,462	Williams	687
C&W	2,748	Ladbroke	1,446	Saatchi	265	Willis Fab	69
Cadbury	2,232	Land Sec	347	Sainsbury	709	Wimpey G	227
Coats	2,371	Laporte	99				

Chrysler and GM in first joint venture

General Motors and Chrysler have reached final agreement on the first US joint manufacturing venture among the "big three" car makers.

The project — New Venture Gear — combines Chrysler's New Process Gear operation in East Syracuse, New York, and GM's Hydra-matic factory in Muncie, Indiana.

The agreement will enable GM to continue operating the underused Muncie factory and will allow Chrysler to expand capacity without a substantial capital outlay.

Chrysler will own 64 per cent of the company, which will manufacture manual transmissions and four-wheel-drive transfer cases, and GM the rest.

WALL STREET

Dow slides before US bond auction

New York (AP-Dow Jones) — Share prices were broadly lower in moderately active trading as the market awaited the auction of 10-year Treasury bonds, the second stage of its refunding.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down 20.27 points at 2,586.04. Standard & Poor's 500-stock index was down 2¾ and the New York Stock Exchange composite index was down 1¼.

Declining issues held a lead over advancers of more than five-to-one on the Big Board.

However, there was some technical strength in the market, traders said.

● **Sydney** — Shares fell sharply as worries over corporate collapses and a downturn on the Tokyo market unsettled investors. Brokers said the nervousness in the stock market over the impact on profits of corporate debt levels has been growing for some time. The All-Ordinaries index fell 22.9 points to 1,645.6. The difficulties facing many debt-burdened companies were highlighted by the demise of Westmex, the investment company which asked to enter provisional liquidation. Turnover was 117 million shares, worth Aus$224 million (£108 million), from Tuesday's 93 million shares, worth Aus$163 million.

● **Singapore** — Share prices fell in moderate dealings, forced lower by the overnight decline on Wall Street and the weaker close on the Tokyo bourse. Brokers and analysts cited a wave of profit-taking resulting from nervousness about the US Treasury auctions. The *Straits Times* industrial index rose 1.96 points to 1,584.66.

	Feb 7 midday	Feb 6 close
Abbott Lab	64¾	64¾
Aetna Life	49¾	49¾
Ahmanson	17¾	18¾
Air Prods	45¾	45¾
Albertsons	53	52¾
Alcan Al	20¾	20¾
Alco Stand	30¾	30¾
Allied Signal	34¾	34¾
Alumin CA	61	61¾
Am Brands	66¾	66¾
Am Cyanmd	49¾	49¾
Am EPC	28¾	28¾
Am General	28¾	28¾
Am Home	102¾	104¾
Am Intl	94¾	94¾
Am Medical	3¾	3¾
Am Stores	57¾	57¾
Amax	23¾	23¾
Amer Hess	45¾	46
Ameritech	57¾	57¾
Amex	29¾	29¾
Amoco	52¼	51¾
AMP	48	46¾
AMR	55¾	54¾
Anheuser-B	36¾	36¾
Apple Comp	33¾	34¾
Archer-Dan	20	19¾
Arkla	24¾	24¾
Armstrong	34¾	34¾
Asarco	28¾	28¾
Ashland Oil	36¾	36¾
AT&T	39¾	39¾
Atlan Richfld	109¾	110
Auto DP	48¾	48¾
Avery Intl	29	28¾
Avon Prod	32¾	32¾
Baltimore	31	31
Banc One	30	30¾
Bankamerica	25¾	25¾
Bard	17¾	17¾
Barnett Bl	30¾	30¾
Bausch Lmb	58¾	58¾
Baxter Intl	23¾	23¾
Bec Dickin	58¾	57¾
Bell Atlan	92¾	93¾
Bellsouth	52¾	52¾
Bkr Hughes	25¾	25¾
Black Decker	16¾	16¾
Block	33¾	33¾
Bnkrs Tst NY	36¾	37¾
Boeing	63¼	63¾
Boise Casc	37¾	38¾
Borden	33¾	33¾
Brist-Myer	52¾	52¾
Browng-Fer	35¾	35¾
Burl Nth	31¾	31¾
CAI	12¾	12¾
Campbell Sp	49¾	47¾
Cap Cities	518	516
Capital HC	44¾	44¾
Carolina	44¾	43¾
Caterpillar	54¾	55
CBS	182¾	181¾
Central SW	38¾	38¾
Champion	27¾	27¾
Chase Man	29¾	29¾
Chem Bnkg	25¾	25¾
Chevron	66¾	67¾
Chrysler	16¾	16¾
Chubb	94¾	94¾
Cigna	48¾	48¾
Citicorp	23¾	23¾
Clbrne Lz	22	22¾
Clorox	38¾	38¾
Cmbstn Eng	39¾	39¾
Cmwlth Edis	36¾	36¾
CNA Fincl	82¾	83
Coastal	31	31
Coca-Cola	68¾	68¾
Colgate-Pal	57¾	58¾
Columb Gas	49¾	49¾
Compaq	84¾	81¾
Conagra	22¾	23
Cons Edis	27¾	27¾
Cons NG	48¾	46¾
Cons Rail	48¾	47¾
Cooper Ind	39	38¾
Corning	42¾	42¾
CPC Intl	65¾	64¾
Crown Cork	52¾	51¾
CSX	32¾	32¾
Dana	31¾	31¾
Dayton-Hud	61¾	61¾
Deere	66¾	66¾
Delta Air	63¾	62¾
Deluxe	30¾	29¾
Detroit Edi	25¾	25
Digital Eq	79	77¾
Dillard	65¾	66¾
Disney	108¾	107¾
Dominion	45¾	45¾
Donnelley	44¾	44¾
Dover	35¾	35¾
Dow Chem	63¾	63¾
Dow Jones	28¾	29¾
Dresser Ind	45¾	45¾
Duke Pwr	53¾	54
Dun Bradst	44¾	44¾
East Kodak	38¾	38
Eaton	51	50¾
Emerson El	37¾	38¾

	Feb 7 midday	Feb 6 close
Enron	56¾	55¾
Entergy	21	21¾
Ethyl	25¾	26
Exxon	47¾	47¾
Fed NMA	33¾	33
Fedrl Exprs	45¾	46
Flt Norstar	23¾	23¾
Fluor	40	40¾
Ford Motor	42¾	42¾
FPL	34¾	33¾
Fst Chicago	32	32
Fst Intrsta	35¾	35¾
Fst Union	18¾	18¾
Gannett	40¾	40
Gen Cinema	24¾	24¾
Gen Elec	62	62¾
Gen Mills	67¾	67
Gen Motors	41¾	41¾
Gen RE	83¾	83¾
Gen Signal	49¾	49¾
Genentech	27¾	27¾
Genuine Pts	38¾	38¾
Georgia-Pac	45¾	45¾
Gillette	46¾	46¾
Goodrich	38¾	38¾
Goodyear	35¾	36¾
Grace	30¾	29¾
Greyhound	30	30¾
Gt Atlantic	52¾	52¾
Gt Nor Nek	58¾	58
Gt Western	15¾	15¾
GTE	61¾	61¾
Hallibrtn	44¾	42¾
Heinz	29¾	29¾
Hercules	33¾	34¾
Hershey Fd	31¾	31¾
Hewlett Pkd	47	45¾
Hilton Htl	62¾	63¾
Holiday	63¾	62¾
Home Depot	37¾	37
Homestake	23¾	23
Honeywell	82¾	81¾
Houston Ind	33¾	34
Hshld Intl	48	48
Humana	39	38¾
IBM	103	101
IF&F	58¾	59¾
Illinois TW	44¾	43¾
Inco	23¾	23¾
Ingsol-Rand	49¾	48¾
Intel	40¾	40
Intl Paper	49¾	49¾
ITT	52¾	52¾
James River	24¾	24¾
Johnsn Jhsn	54¾	54
K Mart	38¾	34
Kellogg	63	62¾
Kerr-McGee	48¾	48¾
Kimbly-Clrk	65¾	65¾
Knght-Rddr	55¾	55¾
Lilly	63¾	63¾
Limited	33¾	33¾
Lin Brdcstg	111¾	111¾
Lincln Nat	53¾	53¾
Litton Ind	75¾	78¾
Lockheed	38¾	38¾
Louis-Pac	39¾	39¾
Manu Hano	30¾	30
Marriott	27¾	27
Marsh Mclen	78	77¾
Martin Mar	39¾	39¾
Masco	24	23¾
May Dept	45¾	45¾
Maytag	17¾	17¾
MCA	54¾	54¾
McDnl Doug	52¾	52¾
McDonalds	33¾	33¾
McGraw-Hill	55¾	55
MCI Com	31¾	32¾
Mead	31¾	30¾
Medtronic	63¾	64
Melville	44	44¾
Merck	71¾	71
Merll Lynch	22¾	22
MM&M	79¾	79¾
Mobil	59¾	59¾
Monsanto	105¾	105¾
Moore	26¾	26
Morgan	34¾	34¾
Motorola	58¾	57¾
Nat Medical	32¾	33
Nat Service	26¾	26¾
Navistar	3¾	3¾
NCNB	41¾	41¾
NCR	68¾	68
NED Bncp	26¾	26¾
Newmnt Min	54	52¾
Niagr Mhwk	13¾	13¾
Nike	52	52¾
NL Indstrs	20¾	21
Nordstorm	33¾	33¾
Norflk Sthn	36¾	36¾
Norton	51¾	52¾
Norwest	19	18¾
Nthn St Pwr	36¾	36¾
Nthn Telcm	23¾	24
NY Times	24¾	24¾
Nynex	79¾	80¾
Occid Petrl	25¾	26¾
Ohio Edi	21¾	22
Oracle Sys	20¾	19¾

	Feb 7 midday	Feb 6 close
Oryx Enrgy	45	43¾
Pac Ent	47¾	47¾
Pac Gas Elec	21¾	21¾
Pac Telesis	45¾	45¾
Paccar	39¾	39¾
Pacificorp	44¾	44¾
Pall	34	33¾
Paramount	44¾	44¾
Parker-Hanfn	26¾	27¾
Penney	64¾	65¾
Pennzoil	83¾	83¾
Pepsico	59¾	59¾
Pfizer	68¾	68¾
Philips Pet	25¾	25¾
Phlpps Elec	21¾	21¾
Phlp Morris	38¾	38¾
Phlps Dodge	62	62¾
Pitney Bow	43¾	41¾
Plcr Dome	20¾	20¾
PNC Fncl	39¾	38¾
Prmdle Estn	28¾	28¾
Polaroid	45¾	46¾
PPG Inds	39¾	39¾
Prctr Gmble	64¾	65
Price	39¾	39¾
Primerica	28¾	28
Pub Service	27¾	27¾
Quaker Oats	48¾	49
Ralston Pur	79¾	79
Raychem	28¾	28¾
Raytheon	61¾	62¾
Reebok	15¾	15¾
Roadway	37¾	37¾
Rockwell	21¾	21¾
Rohm Hass	30	30¾
Royal Dutch	77¾	77¾
Rubbermaid	32¾	32¾
Rynlds Mtl	52¾	53¾
Safeco	38¾	38¾
Salomon	21¾	21¾
Sant Fe Pac	19	18¾
Sara Lee	27¾	28¾
Schecorp	38	37¾
Schlumbgr	47¾	47
Schrg-Plgh	60	60¾
Scott Papr	43¾	43¾
Seagram	76¾	75¾
Sears Rbk	38¾	38¾
Secrty Pac	34¾	35¾
Shrwn-Wllms	32¾	32¾
Snap-on Tls	31¾	31¾
Southern	26¾	26¾
Sovran	32¾	32¾
St Paul	58¾	59¾
Stanley Wk	35	35
Stone Cntr	20¾	20¾
Sun	14¾	14¾
Suntst Bk	20¾	20¾
Super Valu	26¾	26¾
SW Bell	53	53¾
Syntex	49¾	48¾
Sysco	28¾	28¾
Tandem	27¾	27¾
Tandy	33¾	34
Tele-comm	15¾	15¾
Teledyne	351¾	350¾
Temple-In	60¾	59¾
Tenneco	65	64¾
Texaco	56¾	58¾
Texas Inst	33¾	33¾
Texas Util	34¾	34¾
Textron	22¾	22¾
Time Wrnr	103¾	131¾
Times Mirr	33¾	34
Timken	27¾	27¾
Torchmark	48¾	48¾
Toys R Us	37¾	36¾
Transam	37¾	37¾
Travelers	33¾	33¾
Tribune	42	41¾
TRW	47¾	47¾
Tyco Lab	45¾	45¾
UAL	140¾	134¾
Un Camp	34¾	34¾
Un Carbide	22¾	22¾
Un Pacific	73¾	73¾
Unilever	78¾	79¾
Unisys	14¾	13¾
Unocal	29¾	29¾
Upjohn	36¾	36¾
US West	69¾	70¾
Usair Gp	26¾	25¾
USF&G	29	28¾
UST	28	28¾
USX	35	34¾
Utd Tech	49¾	50
Utd Telcm	34¾	34¾
VF	30¾	30¾
Wal-Mart	41¾	41¾
Walgreen	42¾	42¾
Waste Mgmt	31¾	31¾
Wells Fargo	65¾	66
Westg Elec	72¾	72¾
Weyerhsr	24¾	24¾
Whirlpool	30¾	30¾
Whitman	24¾	24¾
Winn-Dixie	58¾	58¾
Woolworth	58¾	59
Wrigley	50¾	50¾
Wrner-Lamb	110¾	110¾
Xerox	56¾	55¾

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105¾	92	Exch 12¼% 1992	98¾	●-¼	12.3	12.758
106¾	95¾	Treas 12¼% 1992	99¾	..	12.7	12.909
109¾	100¾	Exch 13½% 1992	101¾	-¼	13.2	12.881
82	81¾	Fund 6% 1993	86¾	●..	7.0	11.239
94¾	86¾	Treas 8¼% 1993	88¾	●-¼	9.2	12.504
100¾	92¾	Treas 10% 1993	95¾	-¼	10.6	12.307
105¾	97¾	Treas 12½% 1993	100¾	-¼	12.4	12.274
113¾	101¾	Treas 13¾% 1993	104¾	-¼	13.1	12.137
94¾	85	Treas 8½% 1994		-¼	9.5	12.158
92	92	Treas 8½% 1994 a	92			
96¾	87¾	Treas 9% 1994	88¾	-¼	10.0	11.823
100¾	91¾	Treas 10% 1994	95¾	-¼	10.6	11.925
110¾	98	Exch 12½% 1994	101¾	●-¼	12.3	12.085
113¾	102¾	Exch 13½% 1994	104¾	●-¼	12.9	12.100
117¾	100¾	Treas 14½% 1994	107¾	●-¼	13.4	11.984
FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS						
78¾	72	Gas 3% 1990-95	75¾	..	4.08	9.654
101¾	90¾	Exch 10¼% 1995	93¾	-¼	10.9	11.855
109¾	97¾	Treas 12% 1995	100¾	-¼	11.9	11.987
113¾	101¾	Treas 12¾% 1995	104¾	-¼	12.2	11.735
97¾	84¾	Treas 9% 1992-96	88¾	●-¼	10.1	11.618
101¾	91¾	Conv 10% 1996	93¾	-¼	10.7	11.581
117¾	99¾	Exch 13¼% 1996	106¾	-¼	12.4	11.722
119¾	105¾	Treas 14% 1996	109¾	-¼	12.8	11.839
126¾	113	Treas 15¼% 1996	115¾	-¼	13.2	11.748
92¾	82¾	Treas 8¾% 1997	86¾	●-¼	10.1	11.367
104¾	91¾	Exch 10½% 1997	94¾	●-¼	11.0	11.586
115¾	104¾	Treas 13¼% 1997	107¾	-¼	12.3	11.695
129¾	115¾	Exch 15% 1997	115¾	-¼	12.9	11.839
125¾	115¾	Exch 15% 1997	115¾	-¼	12.9	11.839
84¾	76¾	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	77¾	-¼	8.7	11.009
100¾	88¾	Exch 9¾% 1998	91	-¼	10.6	11.467
127¾	100¾	Exch 12% 1998	102¾	-¼	11.7	11.578
134¾	120¾	Treas 15½% 1998	120¾	-¼	12.8	11.689
100¾	86¾	Treas 9½% 1999	90¾	-¼	10.4	11.196
104¾	92¾	Conv 10¼% 1999	93¾	-¼	10.9	11.379
105¾	93¾	Treas 10½% 1999	94¾	-¼	11.0	11.411
115¾	103¾	Exch 12¼% 1999	103¾	-¼	11.7	11.555
94¾	84	Treas 8½% 2000	84¾	-¼	10.0	11.133
97¾	83¾	Conv 9% 2000	87¾	●-¼	10.3	11.141
122¾	107¾	Treas 13% 2000	108¾	-¼	11.9	11.538
102¾	90¾	Conv 9¾% 2001	90¾	●-¼	10.7	11.191
109¾	88¾	Treas 10% 2001	92¾	●-¼	10.8	11.250
124¾	109	Treas 14% 1998-01	111¾	-¼	12.5	11.789
97¾	86¾	Exch 9% 2002	86	-¼	10.4	11.038
102¾	87¾	Treas 9¾% 2002	90¾	●-¼	10.7	11.104
104¾	92¾	Conv 10% 2002	92¾	-¼	10.8	11.128
114	99¾	Exch 12% 1999-02	102¾	..	11.7	11.621
105¾	90	Treas 10% 2003	93	●-¼	10.7	10.979
127	112	Treas 13¾% 2000-03	112¾	-¼	12.1	11.586
59¾	52	Fund 3½% 1999-04	52¾	-¼	6.7	9.734
102¾	89¾	Conv 9½% 2004	90	-¼	10.5	10.855
106¾	93¾	Treas 10% 2004	93¾	-¼	10.6	10.914
113¾	100¾	Treas 11½% 2001-04	100¾	-¼	11.4	11.408
OVER FIFTEEN YEARS						
103¾	90	Conv 9½% 2005	90¾	-¼	10.5	10.810
111¾	97¾	Exch 10½% 2005	97¾	-¼	10.7	10.798
125¾	110	Treas 12½% 2003-05	110¾	-¼	11.3	11.010
90¾	78¾	Treas 8% 2002-06	79	-¼	10.0	10.691
95¾	83¾	Treas 8½% 2007	83¾	-¼	10.1	10.534
118¾	103¾	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	104¾	-¼	11.2	11.028
101	87¾	Treas 9% 2008	87¾	-¼	10.2	10.485
134¾	117¾	Treas 13½% 2004-08	118	-¼	11.4	10.952
92¾	79¾	Treas 8% 2009	79¾	-¼	10.0	10.413
102	87¾	Conv 9% 2011	88¾	-¼	10.1	10.347
68¾	57¾	Treas 5½% 2008-12	58¾	●-¼	9.3	10.168
89¾	76¾	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	77	-¼	10.0	10.314
132¾	113¾	Exch 12% 2013-17	114	..	10.5	10.385
UNDATED						
30¾	24¾	Consols 2½%	24¾	..	..	—
45¾	36¾	Consols 4%	38¾	..	..	—
70¾	59¾	Conv 3½%	60	..	5.7	—
29¾	22¾	Treas 2½%	23¾	..	..	—
41¾	30¾	Treas 3%	30¾	..	9.8	—
40¾	33¾	War Ln 3½%	34	..	..	—
INDEX-LINKED						
112¾	103¾	Treas IL 2% 1992	111¾	-¼		
105¾	94¾	Treas IL 2% 1994	104¾	-¼		
158	139¾	Treas IL 2% 1996	154	●+¼		
131¾	118¾	Treas IL 2½% 2001	128¾	-¼		
128¾	115¾	Treas IL 2½% 2003	124¾	-¼		
131¾	117¾	Treas IL 2% 2006	127¾	-¼		
128¾	111¾	Treas IL 2½% 2009	119	-¼		
128¾	114¾	Treas IL 2½% 2011	124	●-¼		
108¾	94¾	Treas IL 2½% 2013	102¾	●-¼		
115¾	102¾	Treas IL 2½% 2016	111¾	-¼		
113¾	100¾	Treas IL 2½% 2020	108¾	-¼		
95¾	84¾	Treas IL 2½% 2024	91¾	-¼		

BANKS, DISCOUNT HP

1989/90 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
191	130	Abbey National (aa)	184	185	-2¾	10.3	5.6	7.5
282	120	Allied Irish	254	260	-1	..	..	..
538	283	Anglo Gp	280	275	-6	4.4	1.6	10.7
81	57	Ansbacher (Henry)	73	77	..	2.7	3.6	28.8
303	215	Aus New Z	268	272	-8	..	..	..
22¾	9¾	Bankamerica	15¾	-	..	..	..	..
314	225	Bank of Ireland	263	272	..	..	..	..
19¾	17¾	Bank Leumi Israel	18	21	..	..	..	..
350	340¾	Bank Leumi UK	335	355	..	18.5	5.4	8.7
125	88	Bank Of Scotland	116	118	-1	5.3	4.5	8.5
67	49	Bank Of Wales	50	57	..	3.7	6.9	12.4
587	404	Barclays (aa)	583	586	-6	32.5	5.6	6.5
30	19	Benchmark	18	21	..	2.2	11.0	10.0
353	285	Brown Shipley	310	320	+2	14.7	4.7	20.3
455	325	Cater Allen	410	420	..	31.3	7.5	13.4
188	51	Cattles	64	68	..	4.5	6.9	9.2
259	157	Chancery	171	178	●-¾	11.5	6.8	7.8
28¾	15¾	Chase Manhattan	17¾	-	●-¾	..	..	..
22¾	13¾	Citicorp	13¾	-	..	..	..	..
250	183	Close Bros	240	250	-8	8.0	3.7	15.8
120¾	73¾	Commerzbank	114¾	-	-8¾	..	..	..
314¾	156¾	Deutsche Bank	289¾	-	●-1	..	..	..
345	182	First Nat Fin	218	223	..	17.3	7.8	6.8
47	10	GPG	18	22	+2	0.3	1.5	..
325	230	Gerrard Nat	278	288	●..	24.7	8.7	63.7
274	118	Guinness Mahon	150	157	+16	2.8	1.8	18.4
328	191¾	Hambros	318	320	+1	13.7	4.3	12.6
60	39	HK Shanghai	58	59	..	..	..	..
495	423	Joseph (Leopold)	405	400	-2	21.1	4.4	19.9
145	115	King & Shaxson	140	145	+2	12.3	8.8	14.9
420	284	Kleinwort Benson	418	422	s -5	18.7	4.5	63.1
307	213	Lloyds (aa)	288	292	●..	15.7	5.4	5.4
56	40	Lon Scot Bk	50	53	+2	3.2	6.2	10.8
405	280	Midland (aa)	365	368	-3	22.8	6.2	7.0
352	280	Nat Aust Bk	298	303	-3	..	..	..
385	235	Nat West (aa)	342	345	-2	19.8	5.8	5.9
504	303	Provident	378	383	+1	25.3	6.6	10.5
83	48	Rea Bros	48	51	-5	0.7	1.4	46.2
240	155	Rothschild (J) Hld	188	195	●-1	14.0	7.3	6.0
218	139	Ryl Bk Scot (aa)	206	208	..	9.6	4.6	10.9

BANKS, DISCOUNT HP (continued)

1989/90 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
17¼	870	Schroders	16¾	17	..	26.0	1.6	18.2
612	450	Stand Chart (aa)	583	590	-3	45.7	8.0	5.0
147	99	TSB (aa)	138	140	-2	7.7	5.5	21.1
610	470	Union Disc	600	605	+10	40.0	6.6	32.6
525	276	Warburg SG	508	512	+6	17.7	3.5	16.0
179	98	Do 6% 'A'	170	173	+1	6.0	4.7	..
58	33	Wells Fargo	38¾	-	-¾	..	..	..
284	228	Westpac	257	261	-7	..	..	..
468	408	Wintrust	405	420	..	10.8	2.6	12.9

BREWERIES

1989/90 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
574	427	Allied-Lyons (aa)	483	487	●-1	20.9	4.3	12.6
11¾	783	Bass (aa)	990	995	●+1	37.6	3.8	10.9
203	148	Boddington	153	155	-1	6.1	4.0	16.9
208	135	Bulmer (H P)	182	187	●..	9.5	5.1	18.9
255	190	Burtonwood Brew	217	227	●..	4.7	2.1	25.3
450	380	Clark (Matthew)	373	383	..	17.7	4.6	9.8
361	277	Devenish (JA)	273	280	●-1	6.2	2.2	19.7
658	425	Grand Met (aa)	592	595	●+6	23.7	4.0	12.6
379	258	Greenall Whit	327	332	-2	11.6	3.5	10.8
422	394	Greene King	390	398	-3	12.0	3.0	15.8
689	329	Guinness (aa)	641	645	-5	16.5	2.6	16.7
975	810	Hardys & Hansons	925	940	●..	37.5	4.0	13.5
261	135	Highland Dist	241	248	-2	5.1	2.1	23.4
515	455	Marstons	470	480	..	14.2	3.0	15.4
240	166	Merston Thompson	205	210	-3	4.7	2.3	21.2
800	324	Morland	385	415	s ..	13.7	3.4	12.6
738	283	SA Breweries	655	680	-70	..	..	..
449	284	Scot & New (aa)	325	328	●-4	16.2	5.0	14.1
349	275	Vaux Group	291	298	r -4	10.5	3.6	15.9
427	289	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	392	394	-2	17.5	4.5	12.9
12¼	930	Do 'B'	11¼	12¼	..	17.5	1.4	39.8
494	413	Wolverhampton & D	414	422	-2	10.9	2.6	13.5
535	475	Young 'A'	480	500	..	14.7	3.0	28.3

BUILDING, ROADS

1989/90 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
204	105	Abbey	110	120	..	..	..	..
536	328	Amec	454	460	..	24.0	5.3	8.5
480	78	Anglia Sec	129	133	●..	2.7	2.1	..
258	140	Ancliffe	137	152	+2	8.3	5.7	4.4
518	285	Atwoods	417	425	-7	10.7	2.5	19.8
275	201	BPB Ind (aa)	231	235	+4	14.7	6.3	7.1
219	127	Baggeridge Brick	138	143	●-2	4.2	3.0	8.8
118	45	Bailey (Ben) Constr	63	68	..	2.5	3.8	5.1
208¾	148¾	Barden Group	178	183	..	4.3	2.4	20.3
215	153	Barratt Devs	180	183	..	17.9	9.8	7.8
258	148	Bellway	188	192	..	14.7	7.7	4.9
88	28	Bellwinch	28	33	..	5.0	16.1	4.5
281	125	Berkeley Gp	194	197	●..	6.0	3.1	5.7
151	102¾	Bett Bros	135	145	●..	7.7	5.5	7.4
220	110	Blockleys	140	160	..	6.1	4.1	10.9
303	198	Blue Circle (aa)	229	232	+2	14.0	6.1	9.5
614	372	Boot (Henry)	450	480	..	24.0	5.3	38.3
153	94	Breedon PLC	89	108	..	5.3	5.1	12.6
193	124	Br Dredging	145	150	..	8.5	5.7	11.5
136	81	Bryant	108	110	..	6.4	5.9	8.6
150	95	CALA	108	113	-2	4.4	4.0	6.1
280	130	CRH	274	277	+1	..	..	..
163	78	Cakebread Robey	75	85	..	5.5	6.9	8.1
181	140	Colroy	165	175	..	10.0	5.9	5.6
11¼	373	Condor Grp	830	880	..	18.7	2.2	15.0
289	98	Copson PLC	101	108	●-1	5.3	5.1	10.4
371	257	Costain	287	292	+2	16.0	5.5	8.7
311	151	Countryside	225	232	+6	5.3	2.3	6.2
231	164	Crest Nicholson	194	197	-1	10.2	5.2	7.1
143	76	Crosby James	93	98	..	5.0	5.2	4.0
511	268	Douglas (RM)	415	435	●..	10.0b	2.4	12.7
48	31¾	Edmond Hldgs	40¾	42	-1	2.5	6.0	6.4
107	80	Erith	58	63	-2	5.2	8.5	8.7
164	94	Evered	135	139	..	7.2	5.3	9.8
277	86	Federated Hsg	70	75	-2	10.0	13.7	1.9
93	52	Finlan Gp	50	54	●..	6.5	12.5	5.3
161	68	Galliford	80	82	..	5.2	6.4	10.3
282	180	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	175	195	..	..	..	23.7
883	590	Gleeson (MJ)	710	730	-10	12.5	1.7	9.7
195	152¾	Harrison Ind	150	160	●..	9.4	6.1	14.4
136	103	Hewden-Stuart	108	109	..	3.7	3.4	6.9
310	207	Heywood Williams	247	252	..	16.0	6.4	6.9
488	263	Higgs & Hill	402	408	-1	16.5	4.1	9.2
108	65	How Gp	65	70	..	4.8	7.1	7.3
50	34	Howard Hldgs	34	37	+2	2.0	5.6	5.2
185	117	Ibstock Johnsen	132	135	s ..	7.7	5.7	7.3
178	111	Jarvis	117	122	●..	3.1	2.6	13.5
278	194	Laing (J)	292	295	+1	16.0	5.4	5.1
159	68	Lawrence (Walter)	80	84	..	10.0	12.2	3.3
76	48¾	Lilley	50¾	59¾	-1	2.7	4.8	8.7
287	214	Lovell (YJ)	247	250	..	11.7	4.7	6.7
240	185	Manders	193	197	-3	8.7	4.5	16.1
192	118	Marley	133	135	..	8.5	6.3	8.0
145	97	Marshalls	117	122	..	6.0	5.0	7.9
124	67	Maunders (J)	70	73	..	6.3	8.8	3.8
395	295	McAlpine (Alfred)	355	362	..	21.5	6.0	10.6
407	73	McCarthy & S	100	103	●..	5.3	5.2	14.6
393	302	Meyer Int	355	360	●-1	20.3	5.7	8.7
12¾	103	Miller (Stanley)	128	145	-10	5.3b	2.7	8.7
472	314	Mowlem (John)	348	354	-1	26.5	7.6	7.4
124	68	NSM	112	115	+1	4.0	3.5	15.6
211	158	Newman Tonks	187	190	●-1	12.4	6.6	10.6
168	121	Persimmon	160	163	+1	8.7	5.4	6.3
115	67	Phoenix Timber	100	105	..	3.7	3.6	13.9
18¾	10¾	Pochins	13	14	..	32.0	2.4	6.6
171	110	Prestig	132	136	..	8.7	3.0	9.6
810	301	RMC Gp (aa)	650	665	-9	20.0	3.2	11.2
112	82	Rara Ind	100	102	-1	6.7	6.6	6.2
831	415	Redland (aa)	583	587	-2	25.2	4.3	10.6
222	132	Rugby Group	178	183	+3	7.7	4.3	11.3
125	97	Sharpe & Fisher	91	95	-2	5.3	5.6	11.7
133	1¾	Sheffield Insl	138	143	r ..	4.4	3.1	11.4
155	128	Smart (J)	178	183	..	8.5	4.7	9.1
487	289	Steetley	375	380	-6	18.3	4.3	9.6
278	211	Tarmac (aa)	233	237	..	14.0	6.0	8.9
154	92	Tay Homes	104	108	+2	5.2	5.0	4.2
635	335	Taylor Woodrow (aa)	285	287	-5	10.3	4.7	13.5
864	343	Tilbury Group	605	625	..	25.7	4.3	16.5
255	153	Travis Perkins	180	190	-2	10.0	5.4	8.5
140	98	Try Group	102	107	..	5.3	5.0	8.8
340	248	Turriff	295	305	..	16.3	5.5	8.5
281	136	Vibroplant	160	165	..	4.3	2.6	9.4
385	180	Ward Group	335	355	..	8.0	2.3	16.4
164	87	Ward Hldgs	86	88	+1	3.5	4.0	5.0
311	218	Watts Blake	362	370	..	10.3	2.8	15.1
279	167	Westbury	160	170	..	11.7	5.7	4.0
93	64	Wiggins	73	83	..	..	..	2.5
278	185	Wilson Bowden	237	242	..	8.2	3.4	8.8
186	137	Wilson (Connolly)	173	177	-1	4.2	2.4	9.8
311	203	Wimpey G (aa)	232	237	-1	13.7	5.8	7.8
144	81	YRM	98	103	..	5.1	5.0	7.9

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1989/90 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
183	119¾	Allied Colloids	153	158	●..	3.7	2.4	17.4
552	339	Amersham	348	357	-1	14.9	4.2	16.7
61	39	Anglo Utd	55	59¾	..	1.6	2.9	13.8
182	168	BTP	135	138	..	9.7	7.1	13.3
118¾	87¾	Bayer DM50	113¾	-	-3¾	..	..	..
206	158	Blagden	183	188	..	11.6	6.2	11.3
164	112	Brent Chems	130	135	..	8.2b	6.2	10.3
583	305	Caird Gp	532	540	..	8.7	1.6	27.9
303	195¾	Canning (W)	218	223	..	10.4	4.7	10.7
253	159	Croda	184	187	+2	13.7	7.4	11.0
238	163	Ellis & Everard	218	225	●..	8.7	3.9	13.2
30	15	European Colour	18	20	..	1.2	6.3	13.2
211	123	Evode	145	150	-1	8.1	5.5	10.8
384	232	Foseco	272	276	-8	17.3	6.3	9.4
363	208	Halstead (James)	228	235	..	12.7	5.5	7.3
233	185	Hickson	225	230	r -2	9.5	4.2	11.0
112¾	89¾	Hoechst DM50	105¾	-	-6¾	..	..	..
13¾	18	Imp Chem Ind (aa)	10¾	10¾	..	70.7	6.6	8.0
527	358	Laporte (aa)	513	517	-3	19.3	3.7	15.6
409	225	Leigh	355	360	-1	8.6	2.4	25.2
17¾	10	Norsk Hydro	17¾	-	+¾	..	..	..
183	95	Plysu	118	122	..	4.1	3.4	10.5
410	226	Rentokil	400	407	+1	6.1	1.5	24.9
200	128	Sutcliffe Speakman	183	188	-3	2.7	1.5	25.1
664	242	Wardle Storeys plc	275	285	..	18.7	6.7	15.1
458	313	Wolstenholme Rink	310	335	..	21.1	6.5	7.1
400	231	Yorkshire Chem	358	384	-4	14.0	3.9	11.6
150	111	Yule Catto	132	137	-1	5.6	4.1	11.3

DRAPERY, STORES

1989/90 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
423	314	Alexon	397	400	-1	15.3	3.8	11.4
72¾	40	Amber Day	47	49	-2	2.0	4.2	14.2
131	88	Aquascutum 'A'	122	127	-1	4.0	3.2	19.6
128	44	Ashley (Laura)	55	59	..	3.1	5.4	8.8
425	350	Austin Reed	400	420	..	12.0	2.9	22.7
165	110	Beattie (James) 'A'	125	128	..	6.1	4.8	11.3
297	170	Bentalls	178	182	..	4.7	2.6	28.1
310	68	Blacks Leis	73	77	●..	4.0	5.3	9.4
651	240	Body Shop	575	588	●-3	1.9	0.3	54.9
108	52	Bremner	60	70	..	2.7	4.2	..
113	37	Brown & Jackson	68	69¾	+1	1.2	1.7	20.2
213	133	Brown (N)	185	193	..	6.8	3.6	30.1
288	165	Burton (aa)	186	188	●..	12.3	6.5	7.6
136	95	Cantors 'A'	100	105	..	4.0	3.9	7.1
87	32	Castel plc	30	33	..	1.6	5.0	58.1
443	335	Church	380	410	..	16.9	4.1	14.3
177	128	Coats Viyella (aa)	127	129	-3	12.0	9.4	8.1
200	147	Courts Furnishers	165	170	..	6.7	4.0	12.0
610	473	DAKS Simpson 'A'	475	500	..	14.8	3.0	9.1
48¾	23	Dewhirst (I)	33¾	35	..	1.5	4.3	7.2
174	96	Dixons Grp (aa)	125	128	●+1	7.5b	5.9	10.9
428	205	Dunhill	400	407	..	6.0	1.5	23.4
62	32	ERA Gp	32	36	-2	3.7	10.9	10.0
10¾	725	Elys (Wimbledon)	9¾	10¾	..	18.0	1.8	22.8
215	112	Empire Stores	112	118	..	..	..	14.3
223	150	Etam	177	181	+1	9.1	5.1	10.9
282	188	Fine Art Dev	273	277	..	10.7	3.9	15.2
155	126	Fired Earth Tiles	125	130	..	6.5	5.1	..
345	320	Formfinster	330	350	●..	12.4	3.6	8.7
81	44	Gent SR	71	74	-1	3.3	4.5	8.7
193	44	Gomar Grp	163	170	..	2.0	1.2	..
208	82	Goldberg (A)	88	92	-2	..	..	..
17	14¾	GUS	14	14¾	..	43.3b	3.0	14.2
12¾	953	Do 'A' (aa)	10¾	10¾	..	43.2	4.2	10.1
38¾	27¾	Helene Plc	28¾	30	-¾	2.5	8.5	12.0
170	113	Hepp Robinson plc	115	118	+2	6.2	5.4	27.2
65	38¾	Hollas	37	39	●..	4.3	11.3	6.8
195	148	House Of Lerose	147	157	..	13.3	8.8	13.7
373	223	Kingfisher (aa)	274	278	-2	14.4	5.2	8.5
77	57	Leslie Wise Gp	70	73	+2	4.3	6.0	10.1
11¾	410	Liberty	435	465	..	7.2	1.6	18.5
52	4	L Queensway	6	7	..	..	..	2.7
225	148¾	Marks Spencer (aa)	204	206	+1	7.7	3.8	15.6
430	281	Menzies (John)	310	317	..	8.5	2.7	11.9
293	200	Moss Bros	205	215	..	6.0	2.9	30.3
163	78	Next (aa)	97	99	+2	9.9	10.1	9.2
200	172	Oliver (G)	190	200	..	6.8	3.6	17.5
123	80	Pentos	102	104	..	2.5	2.4	10.1
288	168	Ratners Group	248	250	-7	10.5	4.2	9.4
78	59	S & U Stores	63	68	-2	6.0	9.1	5.6
137	98¾	Sears (aa)	103	105	+4	6.9	6.6	9.8
395	228	Smith WH 'A' (aa)	328	330	..	14.4	4.4	12.1
193	137	Sock Shop	48	52	+6	2.6	5.6	6.5
188	165	Storehouse (aa)	111	113	●+1	11.7	10.4	..
166	108	T & S Stores	128	133	..	5.3	4.0	11.5
58	43	Tie Rack	43	47	..	1.8	4.0	7.4
248	150	Time Products	182	187	..	8.7	4.7	8.4
91	38	Vantl	43	48	-1	..	..	..
237	149	Wickes	180	185	..	5.1	2.8	10.5
220	57	Wilding Office	85	95	..	5.6	6.2	30.1

ELECTRICALS

1989/90 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
440	268	AB Elect	274	284	..	23.3	8.4	7.1
174	95	ABB Kent	168	171	..	5.0	2.9	23.3
225	129	Admiral Comp	215	225	-2	3.8	1.7	23.6
150	49	Alba	68	73	..	5.6	8.2	9.8
187	21	Alphameric	28	33	-1	..	..	..
192¾	38	Amstrad (aa)	50	52	-1	1.9	3.7	5.6
96	57	Apricot Computers	71	76	-1	2.7	3.7	13.8
114	55	Arlen	65	72	r ..	..	..	7.5
89¾	41	Astec	40	42	-1	4.1	10.0	12.1
313	220	Auto Sec	287	291	-1	4.3	1.5	17.2
127	26	Bennett & Fountain	28	30	..	1.8	6.4	..
561	385	BICC (aa)	433	450	-3	22.7	5.1	8.9
273	104	Blick	213	220	-2	8.8	4.1	11.7
943	493	Borland	690	715	+10	..	..	..
237	154	Bowthorpe	190	193	..	5.6b	2.9	18.7
215	99	Britannia Security	130	134	..	3.6	2.7	13.2
316	243	Br Telecom (aa)	287	289	●-5	14.5	4.9	11.9
26	13	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	13	15	..	0.3a	2.1	7.8
612	385	Cable Wireless (aa)	540	545	●+7	11.0	2.0	22.5
285	124	Cambridge Elec	164	170	..	12.9	7.7	7.3
80	45	Cambridge Instr	56	59	..	1.2t	2.1	10.8
65	27	Chloride	37	39	..	1.5	3.9	..
273	189	Computer People	200	205	..	0.5	2.8	14.5
182	45	Cray Elect	50	56	..	..	..	24.3
159	52	Crystalate	69	73	-1	8.1	11.4	9.9
148	81	Dale Elec	81	85	●..	6.8	8.2	7.4
357¾	204	Delta	330	334	-1	15.6	4.7	10.3
270	150	Domino	152	152	-5	5.3	2.4	8.7
88	55	Dowding & Mills	68	70	..	3.1	4.5	10.7
228	160	Electrocomponents	203	208	-2	7.1	3.4	12.2
125	50	Elec Data Process	62	72	..	3.5	5.2	7.9
163	91	Electron House	90	95	+2	7.8	8.4	5.5
160	64	Electronic Mach	119	124	-1	1.3	1.1	66.5
459	78	Emess	75	80	-4	4.1	5.3	8.2
388	238	Eurotherm	287	295	●-1	8.4	2.9	17.0
186	69	FKI (aa)	68	70	..	7.3	10.6	3.6
187	118	Farnell Elect	153	157	-2	6.0	3.9	11.6
113¾	26	Ferranti (aa)	38	40	+1	..	..	..
13¾	7¾	Ferran Hldgs	8¾	9	-¾	..	..	..
520	370	First Tech	475	495	●..	19.7	2.2	17.0
62	38	Forward Tech	47	50	..	2.4	4.9	8.9
281	187	GEC (aa)	224	225	●-2¾	10.9	4.9	11.7
810	354	Harland Simon	685	715	●-5	6.0	0.9	30.1
91	70	Highland Elect	69	74	..	4.4	6.1	8.1
672	243	Hoskyns Gp	350	358	s -1	2.8	0.8	29.8
47	22	ITL Gp	42	52	+3	0.7	1.5	..
275	210	Jones Stroud	225	245	..	10.7b	4.6	9.8
220	125	Kode	175	135	..	6.7	5.2	43.0
380	240	Lec Refrigeration	325	345	..	19.3	5.8	7.1
97	57	Life Sciences	91	95	..	2.5	2.7	28.6
411	301	Logica	332	340	-4	4.1	1.2	18.2
290	218	Macro 4	275	290	+2	10.4	3.7	15.5
282	143	Memec	148	156	..	7.1	4.7	7.6
53	15	MBS	18	22	-1	..	..	..
398	245	Microfilm Repro	256	268	s ..	4.5	1.7	23.7
540	143	Micro Focus	480	495	-5	..	..	25.2
259	111	Microgen	120	127	-1	8.9	7.2	11.2
15¾	7¾	Midlscom	10¾	-	-¾	..	..	..
229	119	Misal	139	-	-1	..	..	..
24¾	19	Molex	23¾	-	+¾	..	..	..
78	38	Multitone Elect	62	67	..	..	..	..
78	34	Murray Enter	63	68	..	..	..	88.5
90	26	NMW Comp	30	33	..	0.3a	0.9	..
56¾	45¾	Nynex	47¾	-	-¾	..	..	..
143	38	National Telecom	59	62	..	2.7	4.4	9.8
353	120	Newmark (Louis)	130	150	..	..	..	7.1
321	134	Northamber	145	153	..	2.7	1.8	6.8
30	15	Oceonics	22	24	..	..	..	..
292	201	Oxford Instruments	233	240	-3	4.5	1.9	14.5
265	183	P-E International	225	232	..	6.4	2.8	13.1
238	185	P & P	212	217	..	4.1	1.9	11.2
138	64	Peak	68	70	-1	4.1	5.9	9.0
105¾	75	Philips Fin 5⅞%	100	110	..	575b	5.5	..
15¾	9¾	Philips Lamps N/V	13¾	-	-¾	..	..	..
425	188	Plico	223	233	..	8.0	3.5	8.7
369	165	Do 'A' Ltd Voting	183	193	-2	8.0	4.3	7.1
141	65	Pressac	73	78	-2	2.7	3.6	8.5
120	35	Quotient	67	77	..	..	..	8.6
288¾	136	Racal Elect (aa)	219	220	●-1¾	4.3	2.0	28.4
538	181¾	Racal Telecom (aa)	356	362	●-3	2.0	0.6	81.9
180	46	Ross	152	160	..	..	..	..
88	53	SD-Scicon	74	77	..	1.0	1.3	18.5
171	168	Sage Gp	168	173	..	7.8	4.6	13.6
170	112	Scantronic	140	145	..	3.1	2.2	16.4
265	110	Scholes Grp	155	165	..	10.4	6.5	9.4
402	256	Sema Gp	386	394	+4	2.8	0.7	..
150	55	Sintrom	60	70	..	3.7	5.7	5.9
394	235	STC (aa)	251	255	..	13.0	5.1	9.7
29¾	17¾	TDK	24¾	-	-¾	..	..	..
57	23	Telemetrix	23	26	+1	..	..	..
886	625	THORN EMI (aa)	760	767	●-6	37.3	4.9	11.9
305	170	Tunstall	178	198	●..	6.0	3.2	18.9
399	191	Unitech	383	389	+4	14.7	3.8	19.6
214	71	Utd Scientific	78	82	●..	2.7	3.4	..
455	253	Volex	300	310	●..	22.0	7.2	7.9
111	50	Western Selection	48	52	●-2	2.7	5.4	15.8
480	338	Wholesale Fittings	333	343	-2	21.3	6.3	8.9

FINANCE, LAND

1989/90 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
339	246	Abingworth	300	307	..	2.0	0.7	..
70	44	Aitken Hume	55	60	+2	..	..	..
136	72	Ass Henriques	123	128	+1	3.7	2.9	30.1
255	68	Authority Inv	70	85	..	..	..	3.3
272	119	Baltic	148	153	..	4.8	3.2	7.5
205	130	Berkeley Govett	195	200	..	..	..	..
241	70	Br Commonwealth (aa)	68	72	-2	12.3	17.6	2.8
108	65	Burns-Anderson	66	69	●..	5.3	8.7	7.5
31	18¾	Camellia	30	32	..	28.0	0.9	66.4
673	154	Candover	245	260	..	7.3	2.9	39.3
83	58	Centreway	55	62	..	2.0	3.4	8.8
93	32	Dominion Int	50	53	..	..	..	..
515	402	Harvey&Thompson	485	515	..	21.3	4.2	13.7
78	19	IFICO	17	21	..	0.7e	3.7	5.0
160	103	Ivory & Sime	102	107	..	7.7	7.3	18.4
149	33	LIT	30	35	-2	5.0	15.2	4.5
283	205	Majedie	265	270	..	10.0	3.7	33.2
232	90	Nat Home Loans	128	135	..	10.7	8.1	8.7
64	48	Newmarket	50	53	..	..	..	..
60	40	Parrish Plc	38	48	-2	..	..	..
135	80¾	Rit Cap Prtnrs	105	108	-2	2.2	2.1	32.1
160	93	Silvermines Plc	90	95	-4	..	..	..
80	62	Singer & Fried	63	68	..	3.3b	5.1	11.7
28¾	10¾	Sotheby's	14	15	..	..	..	..
249	118	Templeton Gbrth	218	223	..	4.3	1.9	..

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1989/90 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
25¾	14¾	American Express	17¾	-	●-¾	..	..	..
343	218	Electra	298	300	●-1	7.3	2.4	35.9
330	228	Frost Gp	327	332	..	14.0	4.2	18.5
850	625	Henderson Admin	770	800	-10	44.0	5.6	21.0
93	25	ICH	26	29	+3	..	..	..
131	95	INVESCO	123	127	..	7.3	5.8	15.1
236	81	IMAI	115	117	..	6.0	5.2	11.7
700	335	MAM	665	685	..	22.0	3.3	18.2
440	282	M & G	427	435	+2	16.7	3.9	18.1
46	30	Rutland	38	40	..	0.9	2.3	13.8
159	70	Smith New Court	82	86	-1	..	..	..
148	86	Tyndall Hldgs	85	90	-1	7.3	8.3	21.0

FOODS

1989/90 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
430	303	AB Food (aa)	395	400	●+1	13.1	3.3	11.8
212	104	ASDA Group (aa)	106	107	-2	8.4	8.0	7.3
48	26	Alpine Group	24	27	..	..	..	..
175	85	Appletree Hldgs	97	107	●..	5.5	5.4	11.7
257	164	Argyll (aa)	209	212	●-1	8.7	4.1	13.4
113	66	Ashley Group	102	104	..	1.7	1.7	15.7
211	150	Assoc Fisheries	145	155	..	8.0	5.3	10.7
272	158	Batic Plc	148	153	..	4.8	3.2	7.8
198	158	Banks (Sidney C)	150	160	..	9.8	6.3	9.2
743	520¾	Barr (AG)	525	545	●..	17.3	3.2	16.6
158	98	Batleys	143	153	●..	3.2	2.2	67.3
171	128	Berisford Int (aa)	137	142	●-2	8.3	5.9	8.9
488	374	Booker	432	440	-8	24.7	5.7	15.0
54	37	Borthwick	49	51	●..	1.3	2.6	..
280	210	Brake Bros	240	250	-2	4.8	2.0	17.3
132	85	Budgen	92	95	-3	6.7t	7.1	17.7
437	319	Cadbury-Schwp (aa)	337	340	-4	12.8	3.8	17.0
217	170	Carrs Milling	182	192	+2	10.0	5.3	16.8
230	180	Clifford Foods 'A'	180	190	-2	13.3	7.2	7.6
60	35	Cullens	32	37	..	..	..	..
439	302	Dalgety (aa)	388	394	..	22.0	5.6	11.7
100	65	Daniels S	74	79	..	3.3	4.3	..
151	91	Fil Fyffes	106	111	s ..	..	..	..
126	89	Fisher (A)	121	123	r +1	3.7	3.0	15.1
219	210	Fitch Lovell	210	215	●-2	16.3	7.7	9.2
258	206	Glass Glover	252	257	..	7.3	2.9	14.7
275¾	205	Hazlewood Foods	220	225	-5	5.7	2.6	15.5
321	194	Hillsdown (aa)	263	266	+3	8.4	3.2	11.7
178	125	Hunter Saphir	130	138	..	6.7	5.0	9.6
420	280	Iceland Frozen	257	262	..	7.4	2.8	12.4
594	373	Kwik Save	540	550	-2	14.0	2.6	17.2
145	80	Lees (John J)	73	85	..	2.7	3.4	14.5
330	228	Low (Wm)	310	315	..	8.7t	2.8	12.2
97	67	Matthews (Bernard)	65	69	..	2.3	4.9	12.7
304	112	Morrison (W)	160	170	-4	1.6	1.0	18.6
283	202	Nichols (JN) (Vimto)	235	245	..	12.1	5.0	12.5
70	44	Normans	43	45	●..	3.0	6.8	10.9
362	277	Nthn Foods (aa)	305	308	●+2	15.7	5.1	11.2
203	141	Nurdin & Peacock	165	172	..	5.6	3.3	14.7
310	169	Park Foods	210	225	●..	8.4	3.9	9.3
431	237	Polly Peck (aa)	407	412	-1	16.7b	4.1	10.3
68	37	Pranmigan	38	43	..	0.7	1.7	16.0
498	341	RHM (aa)	422	427	-3	17.0	4.0	12.4
255	196	Sainsbury J (aa)	256	260	-2	7.1	2.8	17.0
178	129	Salvesen (Chris)	165	167	●-2	7.5	4.5	13.3
320	203¾	Tate & Lyle	311	313	-1	12.0	3.8	9.9
220	81	Tavener	110	130	..	1.7	1.4	18.4
219	137¾	Tesco (aa)	198	198	+2	5.0	2.5	17.0
159	122	Theodores	125	128	..	3.1	2.4	13.5
438	304	Unigate (aa)	307	310	-3	19.1	6.2	11.2
424	285	Utd Biscuits (aa)	338	342	..	17.2	5.1	12.6
30¾	28	Usborne	29	32	..	2.0	6.5	27.4
225	173	Watson & Philip	182	192	●+1	13.5	7.2	11.1

HOTELS, CATERERS

1989/90 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
57	31	City Centre Rest	37	39	+1	1.5	3.9	13.1
305	223	Friendly Hotels	280	290	-1	3.9	1.4	12.8
352	213	Ladbroke (aa)	310	314	-1	11.8	3.8	16.2
44¾	25¾	Norfolk Cap Gp	40¾	43¾	..	0.8	1.9	32.1
99	68	Mount Charlotte	69	71	..	2.5	3.6	14.8
91	53	Principal Hotels	60	65	r +1	2.7	4.3	33.3
120	77	Queens Moat	101	103	..	3.0b	2.9	15.9
24	18¾	Resort Hotels	20¾	22	●..	0.8	3.7	13.4
910	740	Savoy Hotels 'A'	890	915	..	7.3	0.8	31.2
121	91	Stakis	90	92	-1	3.1	3.4	9.9
380	242	Trusthse Ft (aa)	283	285	..	12.2	4.3	16.1

INDUSTRIALS A-D

1989/90 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
207	157	AAF Inv	170	180	..	10.0	5.7	13.3
426	275	AAH	373	378	●-1	16.8	4.4	12.6
212¾	116	ADT (aa)	192	194	-2	..	..	..
470	205	AMI	222	232	-1	12.0	5.3	9.2
435	242	AMI Health	377	387	-3	8.0	2.1	18.6
78	53	APG	54	55	..	2.7	5.0	9.8
159	114	APV	142	145	-1	6.7	4.7	13.9
288	188	ASW	251	254	+1	6.7	2.6	7.3
130	54	Aaronson	64	68	-4	4.7	7.1	18.2
235	148	Advest	152	155	..	9.3	6.0	9.0
96	58	Aerospace Eng	55	60	..	4.0	6.9	8.1
239	155	Alexandra W'wear	200	203	..	5.5	2.7	16.2
275	180	Alumasc	175	185	-5	10.7	5.9	8.7
450	360	Amber Ind	380	400	..	18.9	4.8	11.3
68	37	Armour	43	44¾	..	1.8	3.8	7.9
195	105	Ash & Lacy	112	122	..	8.0	6.8	9.1
8¾	3	Ass Br Eng	4¾	5	..	0.1	2.1	17.8
643	395	Avon Rubber	475	483	●..	22.0	4.6	11.2
180	96	Ayrshire Metal	93	98	..	8.0	8.3	6.0
226	141	BBA	156	159	+1	9.3	5.9	8.5
327	232	BET Ord (aa)	239	244	-3	16.0	6.6	16.6
473	177	BM Gp	241	248	-4	2.7	1.1	13.4
577	419	BOC (aa)	523	528	..	23.7	4.5	11.1
89¾	54¾	BSG	68	70	..	4.1	5.9	9.2
485	375	BSS Group	385	393	-6	21.0	5.4	9.4
486	294	BTR (aa)	393	397	..	17.9	4.1	16.5
311	186	BWI	300	307	r -1	7.5	2.5	13.6
68¾	48¾	Babcock	48¾	49¾	-¾	3.2	6.5	11.2
17	9¾	Bailey (CH)	9¾	10¾	-¾	..	..	48.4
258	183	Baird (Wm)	203	205	..	10.8t	5.2	7.9
76	46	Bardsey	57	62	..	1.0	1.7	18.3
970	383	Barlow Rand	925	955	-35	..	..	..
265	158	Barrett (H)	240	250	..	6.8	2.8	11.2
42	24	Baynes (Charles)	33	38	..	0.7	2.0	19.3
15	8¾	Bear Brand	6¾	6¾	s -¾	..	..	62.5
245	175	Beauford	175	185	-2	7.4b	4.1	12.6
225	121	Beazer PLC (aa)	151	154	-1	10.0	6.5	8.2
73¾	23	Benlox	23	25	-2	0.8	3.3	..
348	285	Bespak	318	328	●..	8.5	2.6	17.7
90	11	Bestwood	10¾	12¾	..	0.7	6.1	2.2
181	123	Bibby (J)	143	150	..	11.3	7.7	9.4
160	125	Billam (J)	135	145	..	5.4	3.9	48.3
193	80	Birmingham Mint	95	98	..	7.3	7.5	8.3
133	70	Black Arrow	80	93	..	5.0	5.9	7.4
185	110	Black (Peter)	118	123	+1	3.2	2.6	10.1
60¾	38	Blackwood Hodge	41¾	43	..	2.1	4.9	8.3
114¾	81	Blue Arrow (aa)	86	87	+1	0.8	0.9	14.1
321	201	Bodycote	220	228	..	9.7	4.3	8.4
357	227	Boots (aa)	267	270	+2	13.8	5.1	12.6
334	79	Booth Inds	84	91	..	3.1	3.5	9.2
621	388	Bowater	455	463	-5	22.3	4.8	11.3
21¾	15	Bowater Inc	20¾	-	..	..	..	..
359	240	Braithwaite	270	280	●-2	9.2	3.3	10.1
39	20	Bravery	24	27	●..	1.0	3.8	8.4
302	184	Bremner	205	208	..	17.3	8.4	10.4
84	48	Bridgend Gp	52	54	..	1.3	2.5	21.9
224	170¾	Britton	177	182	-3	10.0	5.6	12.4
225	145	Bridport-Gundry	142	147	..	9.3	6.4	28.7
71	40	Brierley Inv	63	66	..	..	..	..
240	151	Br Airways (aa)	196	199	..	10.7	5.4	6.9
355	325	Br Bldg & Eng App	330	330	..	4.0	1.1	13.4
185	115	Br Steel	133¾	135	-¾	10.3	7.7	4.0
178	143	Br Syphon	165	170	..	2.7e	1.6	18.1
376	203	Br Vita	280	285	-1	10.5	3.7	14.1
518	320	Broken Hill	435	440	-11	..	..	..
153	100	Bromsgrove Inds	134	137	-1	4.1	3.0	10.3
38	28¾	Brooke Tool	30	31	..	2.4	7.9	8.4
235	168	Brown & Tawse	165	170	●-3	12.7	7.6	7.8
238	121	Bullough	138	140	s ..	8.1	5.9	8.7
157	95	CH Ind	105	110	●..	6.7	6.2	7.9
38	31	CI Group	38	41	..	2.5	6.3	7.4
28¾	20¾	CMB Pack	20¾	23	..	..	..	..
126	95	Caber Est	69	73	-2	5.3	7.5	12.9
308	191	Camford Eng	218	223	-3	8.4	3.8	11.8
231	138	Cannon St	147	152	-2	11.1	7.4	8.3
74	53	Capero Ind	80	81¾	-1¾	3.3	5.4	11.6
213	163	Caps	167	172	+2	10.7e	6.3	9.5

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1989/90 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
163	113	Caplin	148	155	..	1.1	0.7	..
15	7	Caudon	9¾	10¾	●..	0.4	4.0	8.8
165	108	Carclo Eng	127	130	●..	8.1	6.3	8.9
242	181	Castings	215	220	-2	8.7	4.0	8.5
86	48	Celestion	55	60	-2	1.3	2.2	..
8¾	3¾	Central & Sheer	4¾	5¾	+¾	..	..	13.5
312	110	Chamberlin & Hill	127	137	..	6.7	5.1	7.7
583	435	Charter Cons	468	475	-1	25.3	5.4	11.1
25	8	Charterhall	9	10	..	2.8t	29.5	14.8
738	570	Chemring	560	580	..	32.7	5.7	7.4
337	158	Christies Int	313	320	+8	7.7	2.4	21.8
210	144	Chrysalis	178	185	..	6.1	3.4	10.6
275	207	Clayton Son	265	275	+8	14.0	5.2	9.5
12¾	875	Cetam (A)	850	900	●..	28.8	3.3	8.3
179	20¾	Coloroll Gp	21	22¾	-1¾	10.1	45.9	1.1
231	153	Community Hospital	197	202	..	0.7	0.4	17.1
319	223	Concentric	298	305	+1	12.5	4.1	11.1
108	60	Cont Stationery	58	63	..	5.1	8.4	9.3
374	207	Cook (Wm)	290	297	r ..	16.0b	5.4	8.4
384	248	Cookson (aa)	248	252	-3	11.0	4.4	8.6
168	95	Cornwell Parker 'A'	111	116	..	6.9	6.1	7.0
277	173	Cosalt	231	235	-1	13.3	5.7	8.0
245	168	Courtney Pope	165	175	..	11.3	6.6	8.9
67	38	Cowan De Groot	44	46	●-¾	3.3	7.3	19.5
111	51	Crestia	49	52	..	2.1	4.1	4.2
27¾	18¾	Dana	18¾	-	-¾	..	..	..
255	95	Davies & Met 'A'	250	260	+3	4.6	1.8	12.8
181	139	Davis (Godfrey)	157	160	-1	9.7	6.1	10.6
288	171	Davy	227	230	●..	11.7	5.1	11.7
480	284	De La Rue	388	390	..	17.7	4.6	42.1
689	279	Desoutter	680	695	..	11.6	1.7	18.8
34	20	Dickie Heel	23	28	..	0.9	3.6	13.9
259	148	Diploma	163	169	-1	11.3	6.6	7.4
103¾	85	Dobson Park	88	89¾	●-¾	7.7	8.7	7.4
151	90	Doctus	112	117	●..	4.1t	3.6	7.2
178	141	Dyson (J&J)	173	178	-2	8.7	3.8	13.4
102	78	Do 'A'	97	100	+1	6.7	6.8	7.5

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1989/90 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
367	278	EIS	320	330	..	12.9	4.0	13.5
438	273	Eastern Prod	355	370	..	14.7	4.0	14.4
19¾	6	Eagle Trust	17¾	18¾	..	0.6t	3.3	19.4
405	225	Edbro	225	255	●..	14.7	6.1	7.3
58	36	Elbief	43	48	..	2.6	5.7	18.3
219	113	Eleco	117	122	-1	8.3	6.9	8.0
36¾	23¾	Electrolux (AE) 'B'	28¾	-	..	.. b	..	..
121	86	Elliott (B)	89	92	..	5.0	5.5	9.4
20	11¾	Elswick	12¾	13¾	r ..	0.7	5.4	11.5
541	369	Eng Chna Clay (aa)	420	425	●-7	26.1	6.2	9.4
36	23¾	Ensign Hldgs	30	31¾	..	1.3	4.2	9.1
52¾	32¾	Ericsson (LM) 'B'	89¾	-	..	..	..	..
243	167	Erskine Hse	188	197	●..	8.9	4.6	8.8
213	94	Eurocopy	198	203	..	4.0	2.0	19.2
253	175	Expamet	228	234	..	12.2	5.3	13.6
258	148	Fairey Group	215	222	-2	6.4	2.9	12.7
187	141	Fenner (JH)	158	162	-1	10.8	6.8	8.2
93	65	Fife Indmar	80	85	..	5.0	6.0	28.0
371	229	Fisons (aa)	327	330	r ..	8.3	2.5	17.0
145	108	Fitzwilton	117	122	..	..	..	..
176	108	Flexello C&W	170	175	●..	7.2	4.2	8.5
78	23	Fobel	26	30	-2	..	..	..
70	40	Folkes Group N/V	48	52	-1	2.5	4.9	9.8
111	71	French (Thomas)	75	80	..	4.8	6.2	8.8
157	111	GEI Int	137	140	..	9.0	6.5	12.2
476	292¾	GKN (aa)	403	405	..	24.3	6.0	9.5
180	135	GR	145	155	..	7.7	5.1	4.3
227	171	Garton Eng	177	182	..	8.7	4.8	8.5
301	197	Gestetner	223	228	●+1	10.0	4.4	5.1
187	138	Gieves	182	187	..	5.4	2.9	10.5
822	369	Glaxo (aa)	682	688	-9	23.3	3.4	15.7
339	220	Glynwed (aa)	230	234	-2	13.9	6.0	8.0
144	95	Goode Durrant	108	115	●..	6.5	5.8	8.4
356	255	Goring Kerr	255	270	..	20.0	7.6	11.1
233	149	Grampian Hdg	165	168	-1	5.1	3.1	15.3
386	270	Granada (aa)	325	330	+3	16.4	5.0	10.3
223	110	Grovewood Sec	192	202	-3	4.5	2.3	14.7
259	187	Haden MacLellan	166	173	..	8.0	4.7	11.3
275	183	Hall Eng	185	185	..	10.3	5.4	8.5
289	119¾	Halma	157	161	●..	2.1	1.3	19.8
74	48	Hampson Ind	61	66	●..	2.8	4.4	8.8
192	90	Hanimex	92	102	..	..	..	..
242	154	Hanson (aa)	226	228	-2¾	11.3	5.0	10.8
146	91	Harris (Philip)	118	125	..	7.3	6.0	17.7
192	141	Harrison Crosfld (aa)	151	155	-3	11.3	7.4	11.3
202	110	Havelock Europa	124	131	..	4.8	3.8	82.6
783	537	Hawker Siddly (aa)	648	655	-6	32.1	4.9	12.5
162	100	Hay (Norman)	105	115	r -10	3.0	2.7	13.5
121	103	Hays	110	113	..	4.0	3.6	12.3
313	218	Hepworth	275	279	-1	17.4	6.3	10.5
172	105	Hewitt (J)	135	145	+2	2.7	1.9	35.5
383	288	High-Point	288	303	-7	9.0	3.0	9.5
119	32	Holmes Protection	31	35	..	..	..	..
110	60	Hopkinsons	80	82	..	4.4	5.4	..
175	128	Howden	152	155	●+1	6.4	4.2	12.9
308	164	Hunting	202	207	..	12.0	5.8	8.2
98	54	Hutchsn Whampoa	63	66	+1	..	..	..
254	181	IMI (aa)	220	223	-1	11.7	5.3	10.1
144	94	ISA Intl	128	133	..	1.3	1.0	24.9
278	171	Isotron	193	203	+3	3.5	1.8	15.6
358	188	JS Pathology	203	218	..	7.3	3.5	12.0
208	102	Jardine Math	180	183	+4	..	..	..
735	482	Johnson Cleaners	598	613	..	33.2	5.5	11.2
438	322	Johnson Matthey	330	333	-1	10.7	3.2	11.2
68	40	Johnson & FB	55	58	..	2.1	3.8	11.1
500	315	Johnston	310	330	-10	16.7	5.2	7.8
177	101	Jones & Shipman	127	132	..	6.5	5.0	20.8
129	59	Jourdan (Thomas)	70	75	..	7.5	10.3	8.2
48	24¾	Kalamazoo	26	27	..	..	..	..
45	28¾	Kalon	28	30	..	1.5	5.2	14.8
468	355	Kelsey Ind	450	465	●..	30.0	6.6	7.8
730	470	Kershaw (A)	570	590	..	34.9	5.9	35.2
345	93	Kleen-E-Ze	90	105	-2	..	..	..

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1989/90 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
278	190	Laird	250	255	-4	12.9b	5.1	28.5
94	56	Lasmex	81	84	..	2.7	3.3	8.1
173	125	Lee (Arthur)	163	168	●-2	7.7	4.6	18.2
148	93	Lilleshall	120	125	..	4.7	3.8	14.0
185	125	Linread	160	165	..	6.7	4.1	11.9
31	24	Locker (T)	24	27	..	2.1	8.1	8.8
273	201	Lon Intl	207	208	●+¾	10.1	4.9	11.8
284	154	Low & Bonar	181	187	..	9.6	5.2	18.8
277	157	MB Group (aa)	213	216	..	5.3	2.5	..
110	92	MB Gp 7 1-4 Pf	106	108	+1	9.7	9.1	..
151	104	ML Hlgs	120	123	●-1	4.0b	3.3	18.8
136	84	MS Intl	90	95	..	5.4	5.8	9.0
102	52	MY Holdings	54	58	..	1.1	2.0	..
355	215	Macarthy	222	227	●..	16.7	7.4	14.0
323	198	Macfarlane	263	270	..	6.5	2.4	21.4
348	249	McKechnie	250	255	..	19.7	7.8	7.5
148	114	McLeod Russel	134	139	-1	7.0	5.1	18.1
161	132	Magnolia	127	137	..	6.9	5.2	11.3
280	225	Mapp Bronze	225	230	+1	10.0	4.4	8.8
249	184	Marling	185	190	..	6.5	2.9	10.8
90	45	Maybom	45	50	..	5.1	10.8	5.9
251	95	Medina	95	100	r -2	..	..	..
135	83¾	Meggitt	91	93	..	3.9	4.2	10.1
211	128	Metal Closures	191	193	..	10.9	5.7	18.7
98	71	Metalrax	85	90	..	4.8	5.5	11.5
61	34	Michael Page	56	58	..	2.1	3.7	11.6
89	50	Midsummer	68	73	..	..	..	..
32	17¾	Mining & Ald	22¾	24¾	r ..	..	..	18.1
213	138	Mitie Gp	150	165	..	.. e	..	21.6
267	190	Molins	255	263	+9	12.8	4.9	37.5
191	95	Monotype	180	180	..	1.8e	1.1	..
328	235	Morgan Cble	265	280	..	15.1	5.2	12.9
165	96	MAC Group	98	103	..	4.7	4.7	6.6
88	39	Newmond	53	56	..	1.7	3.1	14.5
152	88	Nestor-BNA	130	135	-2	3.6	2.7	17.6
108	85	Noble & Lund	94	97	..	1.3e	..	..
285	144	Nobo Gp	140	150	●..	9.1	6.3	8.4
353	195	Norcros	192	197	●-5	21.3	10.9	5.8
815	385	Nu-Swift	460	485	..	21.3	4.5	12.5
137	55	Office Elect Mach	58	66	..	0.1	0.2	..
148	107	Optical & Med	105	112	..	7.0	6.4	10.3
168	128	PFG Hodgson	160	163	+3	..	..	..
524	282	Parkfield	465	470	●..	18.7	4.0	14.4
97	60	Pentland	80	83	..	2.9	3.5	32.9
80	39	PergamonAGB	67	72	..	6.0b	8.6	3.1
690	295	Photo-Me	345	355	..	4.0	1.1	25.1
273	198	Pilkington (aa)	224	227	●+3	13.0	5.8	8.1
161	95	Polypipe	107	112	+1	4.0	3.8	9.3
334	232	Portals	270	277	-3	13.7	5.0	12.3
114	85	Porter Chadburn	88	92	-1	2.6	2.9	12.1
164	82	Powerscreen	150	154	..	5.9	3.9	11.9
12	10	Prospect Inds	10	11¾	..	..	..	..
316	227	Prowdfoot Alexander	313	317	..	9.3	3.0	11.9
273	185	Radiant Metal	170	195	..	2.7e	1.5	24.4
10¾	721	Rank Org (aa)	780	786	r -5	40.0	5.1	9.8
233	132	Ransomes	157	180	..	7.6	4.8	13.4
785	314	Racham	500	520	..	12.7	2.5	23.3
12¾	908	Reckitt Colman (aa)	11¾	11¾	..	36.0	3.0	15.0
141	80	Reed Executive	83	93	-2	2.7	3.1	8.8
231	130	Relyon	125	135	..	8.3	6.4	6.5
305	185	Renishaw	285	287	-1	5.6	2.0	15.8
116	78	Renold	89	91	..	4.3	4.8	10.4
10¾	506	Reuters (aa)	10¾	10¾	..	13.1	1.3	31.0
74	39	Rexmore	37	41	..	3.0	7.7	4.5
160	113	Ricardo Eng	137	142	..	6.7	4.8	12.8
158	88	Richard (Leics)	100	105	●..	5.7	5.5	38.6
74	47	Richardson West	47	50	..	2.9	5.9	10.7
128	84	Robertson	122	125	r -1	5.3	4.3	13.7
365	84	Robinson (Thomas)	93	98	..	4.7b	4.9	8.1
75	46	Rockware	48	51	..	3.3	6.6	12.9
171	108	Rotaprint	110	114	..	9.7	8.7	11.4
170	102	Do 'A'	100	104	-1	9.7	9.5	10.3
195	138	Rotork	163	168	..	10.0	6.0	15.8
100	69	Russell (A)	87	92	..	2.0	2.2	15.0

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1989/90 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
33	8	SI	20	21¾	..	..	..	..
17¾	394	SKF 'B'	15¾	-	..	..	..	..
238	147	Sale Tilney	143	150	-6	14.7	10.0	9.8
73	42	Savile Gordon (J)	53	55	-1	2.8	5.2	10.2
176	123¾	Scapa	153	157	-1	6.1	3.9	10.6
191	104	Scot Heritable	110	115	..	8.7b	7.7	5.7
323	218	Scott & Robertson	252	267	-6	9.1	3.5	14.0
10¾	398	Securicor	897	917	+15	2.0	0.2	55.3
985	345	Do 'A'	808	823	+13	..	..	50.1
299	190	Securiguard	288	293	+5	10.7	3.7	11.8
831	83	Security Serv	687	702	+12	..	..	44.8
72¾	54¾	Senior Eng	62	63	-1	3.8	5.8	11.2
113	78	Shiloh	98	103	..	3.2	3.2	7.1
185	131	Sidlaw	135	140	..	10.3	7.5	7.9
582	380	Siebe (aa)	435	440	+4	17.3	3.9	8.9
180	73	Silentnight	78	83	..	9.3	11.5	5.4
428	284	Simon Eng	365	372	-1	19.3	5.2	11.3
313	225	Sinclair (Wm)	245	255	..	7.0	2.8	18.1
142	99	Sir Hadfield	96	100	-3	8.3	8.5	5.9
472	351	Slingsby	347	355	-3	27.9	7.9	11.0
148¾	114¾	Smith & Neph (aa)	117	118¾	-1¾	5.3	4.5	13.2
631	485	Smithkline Beech (aa)	535	539	-7	8.3	1.0	..
28¾	22¾	Smithkline Beech Uts	28¾	28¾	-¾	..	..	..
334	230	Smiths Ind (aa)	247	252	+2	11.9	4.8	10.5
257	233	Spear (JW)	248	258	..	3.3	1.3	62.9
289	186	Spirax-Sarco	237	242	..	10.7	4.5	13.1
55	30	Spong Hldgs	35	39	..	..	..	..
292	81	Spring Ram	115	118	-2	0.5	0.4	18.8
150	100	Stag Furniture	100	107	..	8.3	8.9	7.3
138	38	Star Comp	60	65	..	..	..	..
238	172	Staveley	208	213	●-1	9.3	4.4	10.4
167	100	Sterling Ind	145	153	●-2	5.7	3.8	28.1
108	81	Stocklake	59	62	-2	..	..	..
24	12	Storegard	12	13	●..	0.1	0.8	31.3
132	32	Sumner Int	45	48	..	1.3b	2.8	..
218	145	Suter	147	152	-2	10.4	6.9	12.1
158	105	Swire Pacific 'A'	117	120	+3	..	..	..
46	20	Sycamore	28	33	..	..	..	..
202	155	Sytone	195	205	●-2	9.0	4.5	12.3
283	160	T & N (aa)	207	211	+1	13.3	6.4	7.9
487	363	TI (aa)	421	426	-1	19.3	4.6	12.1
273	96	TT Group	117	122	..	4.7	3.9	24.0
308	143	Tace	148	153	..	14.7	9.4	14.8
120¾	94¾	[illegible]	94¾	-	-¾	..	..	..
259	185	Tallas	195	200	..	13.3b	6.7	13.9
320	159	Tex Hldgs	183	193	●..	14.0	7.4	9.4
270	145	Third Mile	140	150	..	4.5	3.1	13.8
58	42	TGH	50	-	..	..	..	..
288	195	Tomkins	267	270	●-1	9.9	3.7	9.1
422	289	Trafalgar H (aa)	342	348	●+5	23.5	6.8	8.3
136	82	Triefus	123	128	..	4.0	3.2	14.8
280	131	Triplex Lloyd	158	162	●..	8.7	5.5	8.7
520	345	Umeco	340	360	..	..	..	..
54	42	Unigroup	40	43	..	..	..	23.0
734	480	Unilever (aa)	658	662	-4	18.7	2.8	..
53¾	32¾	Unilever (NV)	48¾	-	-¾	..	..	..
29¾	6¾	Utd Gasindust	3¾	7	-½	..	..	..
525	337	VSEL	345	355	+7	16.7	4.7	8.1
42	25¾	Vernon	38	41	..	0.8	2.0	28.3
257¾	157	Vickers	208	210	-2	10.5	5.0	12.8
203	140	Vinten	162	170	..	6.5	3.9	11.8
280	94¾	Volkswagen	201¾	-	-3¾	..	..	..
274	196	Vosper Thorny	245	252	-2	11.9	4.7	11.5
361	291¾	Wagon Ind	308	317	●..	18.3	6.2	9.3
96	37	Walker, Greenbank	58	62	+1	3.0	5.0	..
222	155	Warner Howard	162	172	..	6.4	3.2	13.9
291	195	Wassall	204	208	..	1.3	0.6	36.5
90	38	Waterford Wedgw	42	44	..	..	..	..
331	225	Weir	250	255	-3	9.7	3.8	13.6
780	380	Wellcome (aa)	684	687	-3	6.7	1.0	36.8
54	33	Welman	33	34	-¾	1.3	3.9	6.4
54	37	Westerly	41	44	..	3.2	7.7	7.3
72	6	Westmax	5	7	..	..	..	..
525	347	Whatman Reeve	400	420	..	7.3	1.8	15.5
163	102	Whessoe	138	145	..	6.7	4.7	10.7
148	80	Whewway	120	133	●-2	4.0	3.0	12.3
327	285	Whitecroft	286	290	-2	19.1	6.6	9.4
298	184	Wilkes (James)	188	195	+1	12.0b	6.3	11.6
25	11¾	Wilshire Gp	12	13¾	..	1.0	7.7	8.9
283	213	Williams Hldgs (aa)	237	240	..	14.0	5.9	8.7
113	28	Wills Gp	30	35	-1	..	..	4.7
323	232	Wolseley	283	287	-1	14.7	5.2	8.0
168	130	Wood (Arthur)	148	158	..	5.1	3.3	13.1
238	48	Wood (SW)	56	61	-1	..	..	3.0
237	145	Worcester	153	163	..	4.3	2.7	11.2
353	263	Wyndham Eng	263	273	r -2	6.7	2.5	5.4
385	249	Yale & Valor	297	303	-3	12.3	4.1	10.7
188	71	Young (H)	69	73	-1	9.3	13.1	10.4

INSURANCE

1989/90 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
21¾	12¾	Alex & Alex	15¾	-	..	..	..	..
1007	527¾	Allianz Vers	978¾	-	-9	..	..	..
24¾	10¾	Am Gen	16¾	-	-¾	..	..	..
155¾	119	Archer (AJ)	136	140	●..	10.7	7.8	8.1
250	175	Bradstock	232	238	-3	10.0	4.3	16.5
844	315	Britannic	598	605	-5	23.3	3.9	..
535	333	Com Union (aa)	490	493	-13	26.5	5.4	..
160	98	FAI	92	100	-4	..	..	..
12¾	858	Gen Accident (aa)	11¾	11¾	-¾	61.3	5.4	..
287	182	GRE (aa)	234	238	-6	14.0	5.9	..
539	417	Heath C E	528	532	-2	34.5	6.5	17.0
182	129	Hogg Rob & GM	170	173	-1	9.0	5.2	15.2
439	288	Legal & Gen (aa)	404	407	-5	19.1	4.7	..
339¾	238	Lloyds Abbey	316	320	+3	21.2	6.7	..
279	188	Lloyd Thompson	270	275	..	8.0	2.9	18.5
385	240	London & Man	333	337	+2	14.5	4.3	25.9
137	23	Lon Utd Inv	35	40	..	..	..	7.1
55¾	30¾	Marsh McLen	45¾	-	●..	..	..	..
139	38	PWS	63	67	-3	3.3	5.1	10.2
241	152	Prudential (aa)	216	219	-3	11.2	5.1	..
722	427	Refuge	690	697	-3	29.0	4.2	..
552	379	Royal (aa)	498	503	-8	31.7	6.3	15.6
318	227	Sedgwick (aa)	282	287	-3	16.0	5.6	25.8
290	208	Stwart Wrghtsn	283	288	..	13.7	4.8	25.5
322	224	Sturge Hldgs	280	285	●-3	20.0	7.1	7.8
350	247¾	Sun Alliance (aa)	306	310	-4	14.7	4.8	..
14¾	848	Sun Life	13¾	13¾	..	53.3	3.9	..
167	145	Trade Indemnity	145	150	..	1.8	1.2	..
295	212	Willis Faber (aa)	268	272	-1	15.3	5.7	20.0
49	30	Windsor	29	32	●..	0.7	2.3	19.7

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LEISURE

1989/90 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
315	195	Anglia TV 'A'	269	274	-3	12.0	4.4	9.7
395	215	Barr & WA 'A'	300	330	+20	22.0	7.0	12.7
540	225	Boosey & Hawkes	425	475	+5	13.7	3.0	17.1
420	317	Brent Walker	365	370	..	16.0	4.3	7.4
108	84	Buckingham Intl	91	94	-1	2.1	2.3	13.3
344	148	Campari	188	193	+3	11.3	5.9	6.0
283	127	Capital Radio	243	247	-1	6.0	2.4	17.3
954	660	Carlton Comm	765	773	-4	12.5	1.6	14.5
465	267	Castle Comm	425	440	..	11.3	2.6	14.7
823	578	Central TV	760	770	+7	36.0	4.7	11.4
243	123	Chrysalis	143	148	..	5.3	3.6	..
150	50¾	Cityvision	134	137	-1	0.7	0.5	33.7
382	260	Compass Gp	372	375	-1	12.0	3.2	15.1
11¾	740	Euro Disney	10¾	11	..	..	..	..
99	68	Euro Leisure	85	88	-1	1.8	2.1	..
247	149	First Leisure	230	233	-1	4.9	2.1	17.0
74	45	Grampian	70	72	..	4.1	5.8	8.1
136	84	HTV Group	130	132	-1	6.7	5.1	8.3
375	165	Harburger Brooks	220	270	..	..	..	..
88	78	LWT CP	83	88	..	5.3	6.2	..
111	20	Leisure Inv	18	21	..	1.5	7.5	18.2
200	147	Mecca	150	151	-¾	6.1	4.1	15.6
253	140	Midsummer	140	145	-1	5.6	3.9	13.3
87	43	Owners Abroad	59	61	..	3.3	5.5	7.8
230	78	Pavilion Leisure	72	79	●-3	6.0	7.9	5.9
319	135	Quadrant Group	138	148	..	5.1	3.6	9.4
690	174	Really Useful	225	230	+10	22.7	10.0	28.4
306	189	Saga Gp	292	300	+1	7.7	2.6	32.9
518	358	Scot TV	507	513	..	27.0	5.3	8.9
282	197	Stanley Leisure	253	258	●..	6.3	2.7	14.4
347	145	TVS	143	147	-3	19.0	13.1	3.9
98	65	TSW	89	91	..	6.5	6.1	7.3
579	380	Thames TV	540	543	+1	20.5	3.8	11.8
147	95	Tottenham Hotspur	113	118	-2	6.7	5.8	20.6
220	137	TV-AM	193	195	..	9.3	4.8	9.9
476	348	Tyne Tees TV	365	370	-5	24.3	6.6	6.9
152	90	Ulster TV	142	147	..	8.0	5.5	8.8
129	85	Wembley	102	103	-1½	2.4	2.3	15.7
58	32	Woodington	34	37	..	..	..	..
327	222	Yorkshire TV	290	297	●-2	15.1	5.1	8.9
165	138	Zetters Gp	148	155	●..	8.3	5.5	21.5

MINING

1989/90 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
78¾	36¾	Am Gold	75	78	-1¾	..	..	..
13¾	8¾	Ang Amer Coal	12¾	13¾	..	.. b	..	..
27¾	871	Ang Am	26	27	-¾	..	..	..
325	134	Blyvoors	282	312	..	..	..	..
72	31	Bracken	59	79	-3	..	..	..
13¾	576	Buffels	11¾	12	-¾	..	..	..
63	25	Butte	28	31	..	..	..	..
610	369	CRA	517	523	-15	..	..	..
12¾	594	De Beers	12¾	12¾	+¾	..	..	..
372	128	Deelkraal	359	376	-6	..	..	..
161	54	Doornfontein	133	163	..	..	..	..
10¾	457	Driefontein	9¾	10¾	-¾	..	..	..
78	4	DRX	11	-	+2	..	..	..
751	119	Durban	711	761	-15	..	..	..
484	198	E Daggs	454	474	..	..	..	..
731	240	Elandsrand	700	750	-6	..	..	..
135	39	Elsburg	116	128	-14	..	..	..
342	148	E Rand Gold	320	350	-7	..	..	..
401	104	E Rand Prop	373	393	-14	..	..	..
10¾	404	FS Cons	10¾	10¾	-¾	..	..	..
248	107	FS Dev	225	250	-10	..	● ..	..
20¾	789	GFSA	19¾	19¾	-¾	..	..	..
89	65	Geevor Tin	78	82	..	..	..	70.8
18¾	145	Gencor	228	258	..	..	..	..
62	31	GM Kalgoorl	57	59¾	-3	..	..	..
94	38	Greenvale Res	37	42	..	..	..	..
282	47	Grootvlei	173	209	-6	..	..	..
876	270	Harmony	860	820	..	..	..	..
663	321	Hartebeest	623	643	-15	..	..	..
14¾	471	Kinross	13¾	14¾	-¾	..	..	..
834	438	Kloof	792	812	a -19	..	..	..
166	33	Leslie	156	176	+5	..	..	..
180	83	Libanon	180	190	a ..	..	..	..
308	71	Loraine	291	311	-8	..	..	..
134	77	MIM	81	94	-1	..	..	..
10¾	626	Minorco	10¾	10¾	..	..	..	..
164	105	Nth Broken Hill	114	118	-4	..	..	..
24¾	9¾	Orange Free	23¾	24¾	..	..	..	..
605	406	RTZ (aa)	503	508	-2	21.0	4.2	10.7
23¾	9¾	Rand Mines Ltd	23¾	24¾	+1¾	..	..	..
501	255	Rand Mines Prop	475	500	..	..	..	..
37¾	376	Randfontein	593	643	..	..	..	..
453	288	Renison	410	425	-10	..	..	..
15¾	8¾	Rustenburg	14¾	15	..	26.0	1.7	..
883	354	St Helena	863	883	-10	..	..	..
36	15¾	Southvaal	35¾	35¾	-¾	..	..	..
481	167	Stilfontein	439	459	..	..	..	..
826	175	Unisel	603	633	-8	..	..	..
81¾	36¾	Vaal Reefs	78¾	79¾	-1¾	..	..	..
210	51	Venterspost	193	203	-8	..	..	..
660	257	Welkom	633	663	-8	..	..	..
208	58	Western Areas	191	221	-3	..	..	..
34¾	14¾	Western Deep	32¾	33¾	-¾	..	..	..
333	223	Western Mining	283	287	-11	..	..	..
22¾	703	Winkelhaak	21¾	22¾	-¾	..	..	..
38	20	Zambia Copper	28	29	-1	..	..	..
105	53	Zandpan	102	-	..	..	..	..

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1989/90 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
184¾	104	Appleyard	123	127	..	4.9	3.9	5.8
600	509	Bramall (CD)	550	650	..	6.1	1.0	23.6
743	420	Br Aerospace (aa)	540	548	-3	28.4	5.2	8.8
600	463	Caffyns	545	555	..	15.3	2.8	20.1
151	71	Cowie (T)	70	73	+1	6.9	9.6	4.2
135	68	Dag Motors	88	93	..	6.7	7.4	4.8
288	215	Dowty	215	220	●-2	11.1	5.1	12.0
505	228	ERF	222	238	..	20.0	8.7	3.6
38	15	Equity & Gen	20	23	-1	2.0	9.1	9.4
281	177	FR Group	175	180	-2	7.8	4.4	8.7
35¾	25	Ford Motor	25	-	●-¾	..	..	..
259	116	General Motor	122	-	-1	..	..	..
146	80	Hartwell Plc	143	145	..	4.1	2.8	16.7
989	720	Honda Motor	720	-	-8	..	..	..
98	72	Jacks (Wm)	77	81	..	2.7	3.4	14.8
905	264	Jaguar (aa)	845	853	..	14.7t	1.7	76.5
198	97	Jessups	102	112	..	9.3	8.7	5.9
174	98¾	Kwik-Fit	103	108	-2	3.2	3.0	15.8
147	89	Lancaster	88	95	..	5.6	6.1	6.0
386¾	240	Lex	273	277	+1	19.3	7.0	6.9
217	105	Lookers	122	132	-1	8.3	6.5	5.0
722	508	Lucas (aa)	605	615	-2	33.3	5.5	7.2
233	148	Perry Gp	165	170	..	12.0	7.1	6.0
250	168	Plaxton Group	168	173	..	11.3b	6.6	16.6
188	103	Quicks Group	123	128	..	7.3	5.8	7.8
202	131	Rolls-Royce (aa)	178	180	-2	8.7	4.9	8.5
49	17	Trimoco	22	23¾	..	1.9	8.3	4.3
855	475	Western Motor	562	577	+2	19.3	3.4	7.5
153	120	Woodhead	122	125	●..	4.7	3.8	11.8

NEWSPAPERS, PUBLISHERS

1989/90 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
170	73	Adscene	80	85	-5	8.0	9.6	7.5
223	175	BPP	200	215	-6	12.0	5.8	20.2
373	118	Barbour Index	180	190	●..	7.3	3.9	17.2
495	365	Black (A&C)	380	400	+5	17.0	4.3	12.7
370	265	Bristol	345	365	-3	14.3	4.0	17.3
345	148	Builder Gp	330	340	●-2	3.9	1.2	22.2
80	35	Burford	37	40	-1	0.8	2.1	20.7
67	45	Daily Mail	58¾	60¾	●..	13.1	2.2	14.8
65	44	Daily Mail 'A'	54	58	●..	13.1	2.4	13.5
288	195	EMAP	223	228	-2	7.9	3.5	14.5
393	378	Euromoney Pub	370	385	-5	..	..	15.7
473	225	Haynes Publishing	220	230	..	13.3	5.9	11.9
400	230	Home Counties	243	253	..	8.8	3.5	9.9
152	73	Intl Bus Comms	72	75	..	5.7t	7.7	5.8
580	313	Independent	466	471	-2	..	..	..
166	123	Johnston Press	143	148	..	5.3	3.6	6.6
237	167	Maxwell Comm (aa)	206	209	●..	19.2	9.2	41.5
213	170	Gardner (DC)	183	188	..	4.4	2.4	18.2
845	430	News Corp	495	510	-20	..	..	..
368	212	News Intl	280	295	..	8.6	2.3	67.1
929	683	Pearson (aa)	733	743	-2	26.0	3.5	13.4
397	243	Portsmouth Sund	300	310	..	10.0	3.3	9.3
471	349	Reed Int (aa)	413	417	+3	16.8	4.0	13.5
175	80	Southnews	85	95	..	6.4	7.1	8.1
10¾	690	Thomson Corp	720	750	..	..	..	..
222	185	Trinity Intl	218	223	-2	8.7	4.0	13.5
520	371	Utd Newspapers (aa)	398	405	-2	27.3	6.8	10.8

OILS, GAS

1989/90 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
79	58¾	Aran Energy	68	70	..	..	..	..
17¾	5¾	Atlantic Resources	9	10	..	..	..	..
42	28	Aus Oil & Gas	32	35	-1	..	..	..
34¾	7¾	Aviva Pet	34	35	+1¾	..	..	..
760	465	Br Borneo	715	725	+5	32.0	4.4	21.0
244¾	159¾	British Gas (aa)	222	224	●-1	12.6	5.7	10.5
348	245	Br Petroleum (aa)	340	342	●-3	19.5	5.7	15.5
705	477	Burmah (aa)	645	652	-1	26.7	4.1	15.1
337	180	Calor Energy	330	340	..	..	..	..
454	353	Calor Gp	350	357	●-3	23.5	6.6	15.0
25	10	Capco Oil	12¾	14¾	..	..	..	..
218	118	Century	135	140	..	8.0	5.8	18.2
180	94	Clyde Pet	174	176	-1	1.3	0.7	82.1
679	459	Enterprise (aa)	667	672	-5	15.7	2.3	51.1
285	81	Exp Comp Louisiana	259	262	..	..	..	..
113	73	Goal Pet	106	108	+1	1.3	1.2	..
252	101	Gt Western Res	223	233	..	5.0	2.2	..
22¾	14¾	Hamilton	18¾	-	..	..	..	..
210	122	Hardy O & G	202	205	-5	..	..	8.8
27	13	KCA Drilling	19	21	+1	..	..	..
38	25	Kelt Energy	32	33	+1	..	..	..
638	415	LASMO (aa)	612	615	-4	12.0	2.0	91.5
145	90	Do Units	135	145	..	28.5	20.4	54.6
38¾	18¾	Monument	38¾	39	+¾	..	..	..
30	8	New London	19	21	+1¾	..	..	..
30	19	Nth Sea Assets	23	29	..	..	..	..
45	27	Oil Search	32	35	..	..	..	..
87	49	Petrocon	57	64	..	0.7	1.1	33.0
27	18	Petrox	9	11	..	..	..	..
121	57	Premier	110	112	..	..	..	77.6
575	340	Presidio	500	540	●..	..	..	..
410	275	Ranger	365	-	+13	..	..	..
50¾	33¾	Royal Dutch FS	45	-	-¾	..	..	..
501	327	Shell (aa)	473	477	-4	23.4	4.9	14.8
218	152	Sovereign	193	195	..	..	..	..
11	5	Target Res P/P	4	7	..	..	..	..
235	142	Triton Europe	223	226	+1	..	..	..
386	265	Ultramar (aa)	368	370	-5	10.7	2.9	33.8
153	85	Woodside	133	137	..	..	..	..

OVERSEAS TRADERS

1989/90 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
595	273	Amalgamated	575	605	-5	20.0	3.4	11.1
71	42	Boustead	61¾	63	..	1.7	2.7	16.8
187	118	[illegible]	133	140	..	11.0	8.0	23.8
137	105	Finlay (James)	115	118	..	5.5	4.7	22.1
320	202	Inchcape (aa)	270	273	..	14.7	5.4	12.5
328	228	Lonrho (aa)	283	286	●-3	21.3	7.5	9.8
345	291	Paterson Zoch	340	350	..	11.5	3.3	17.2
333	291	Do 'A'	325	335	..	11.5	3.5	16.4
130	82	Sime Darby	93	97	s -3	..	..	..
134¾	89	Tozer Kemsley	120¾	122	..	6.0	4.9	11.1

PAPER, PRINT, ADVERTISING

1989/90 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
295	222	Abbott Mead	263	268	..	8.5	3.2	11.8
48¾	24¾	Addison Cons	24	25	..	1.9	7.8	19.8
301	121	Assoc Paper	142	149	●+1	9.0	6.2	21.5
85	68	BMB Res	75	80	..	4.8	6.2	8.0
249	165	Bemrose	162	170	-3	15.1b	9.1	6.8
157	95	Brunning	102	112	+2	..	..	8.0
178	100	Bunzl (aa)	105	108	+1	7.9	7.4	9.0
118	98	CIA Gp	115	120	..	..	..	13.1
230	124	Cropper (James)	132	142	+2	3.3	2.4	6.8
97	72	Delyn Packaging	78	82	+2	1.9	2.4	14.0
282	203	Ferguson Ind	203	207	+1	16.0	7.8	8.0
338	155	FKB	160	170	●-2	9.3	5.6	6.9
360	220	Fitch-RS	215	225	..	13.3	6.0	5.8
93	31	Geers Gross	28	33	..	1.3e	4.2	10.9
322	184¾	Gold Greenless	208	213	●+1	10.4	4.9	7.8
226	141	Goodhead	144	149	+1	7.3	5.0	5.7
265	100	Hunterprint	105	115	..	5.3	4.8	4.0
168	123	Johnson Press	143	148	..	5.3	3.6	6.8
257	180	IGP	230	240	..	10.0	4.3	10.6
50	9	Kelson	11¾	13	..	..	..	..
250	180	Lopex	177	182	..	8.7	4.8	9.5
455	323	Lowe Group	400	405	..	16.9	4.2	11.3
433	278	More O'Ferrall	403	418	-12	14.4	3.5	15.0
242	180	Olive Hldgs	180	190	..	14.0	7.6	14.7
146	93	Paragon Comms	115	128	..	4.8	4.1	10.5
249	187	St Ives Gp	222	228	..	5.7	2.5	12.6
423	230	Saatchi 10p (aa)	233	237	..	12.0	5.1	..
150	101	Shandwick	133	137	..	3.4	2.5	9.5
375	256	Smith David	342	347	●..	11.7	3.4	10.3
680	385	Smurfit (Jeff)	643	650	-6	..	..	..
380	179	UK Paper	369	372	..	8.1	2.2	18.3
413	283	Usher Walker	335	345	..	14.9	4.1	9.4
210	40¾	VPI Gp	40	41	●-¾	2.1	5.2	4.0
378	182	WCRS	246	250	-2	5.7	2.3	18.7
781	486	WPP	673	680	+8	31.6	4.7	14.2
420	259	Wace	315	319	+1	6.0	1.9	18.9
219	140	Waddington (J)	165	168	-2	10.0	6.0	10.8
462	375	Watmough	405	420	-5	12.0	2.9	15.6
73	28	Waverley Cam	27	30	..	1.3	4.5	11.9
213	51	Yellowhammer	52	57	..	.. e	..	3.2

PROPERTY

1989/90 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
154	90	Allied Lon	107	111	+2	4.4	4.0	10.6
180	97	Asda	105	110	..	2.1	1.9	17.2
148	89	BHH Group	96	97	-1¾	6.3	6.5	7.1
230	72	Baker Harris	70	80	●..	7.0	9.3	3.9
526	398	Baton (P)	425	440	-10	20.5	4.7	14.4
228	158	Bourne End	153	163	-2	3.5	2.2	45.1
128	102	Bradford	113	118	-2	4.0	3.4	12.2
339	212	Bredero	215	225	..	8.0	3.6	12.4
425	284	Br Land (aa)	373	378	-5	.. e	..	17.9
250	148	Brixton	180	183	-5	7.1	3.9	27.7
405	346	Cap & Counties	352	362	..	15.3	4.3	17.6
490	395	Cardiff Prop	395	435	●..	3.0	0.7	93.3
10¾	750	Chesterfield	780	810	..	22.0	2.8	25.1
227	74	Chelsfield	78	85	..	5.3	6.5	6.9
237	115	Citygrove	115	125	..	10.7	8.9	3.5
240	83	Clarke Nickolls	85	105	..	3.4t	3.4	12.5
331	208	Clayform	205	213	-8	13.2	6.3	5.9
303	126	Connells	120	130	..	12.0	6.5	6.3
70	41	Control Secs	43¾	45	-1¾	1.3	2.9	9.7
310	170	Cussins	160	180	..	11.8	6.9	6.7
10¾	750	Daejan	745	775	●-10	28.3	3.9	5.8
36¾	28	Dares Estates	25¾	27	..	2.0	7.5	8.9
180	105	Debenham Tewson	150	160	●-4	9.9	6.4	8.3
110	61	De Morgan	58	63	●..	4.7	7.7	6.3
258	145	Dencora	186	194	..	7.3	3.8	5.5
825	635	Derwent Hldgs	710	750	..	9.5	1.3	33.5
84	65	Dolcombe	68	69	..	1.5	2.2	..
205	20	Egerton Trust	145	152	..	10.7	7.2	7.2
350	300	Estates & Agency	340	360	..	7.0	2.0	44.4
281	168	Estates Gen	160	175	..	4.7	2.8	40.8
285	170	Evans Of Leeds	205	220	..	8.3	3.9	15.5
83	54	Five Oaks	60	68	..	2.1	3.4	28.4
205	152¾	Fletcher King	150	180	●..	14.1	9.1	7.3
543	385	Frogmore	448	455	-3	14.7	3.3	16.8
436	290	Granger	280	300	●..	7.0	2.4	12.5
386	270	Gt Portland	292	296	-5	10.7	3.6	28.9
578	383	Greycoat	410	414	-8	6.4	1.6	17.8
9¾	2¾	Halwood Gp	2¾	-	..	..	..	..
65	31	Hambro Countryard	48	50	-2	..	..	10.7
9¾	763	Hammerson	810	820	..	23.3	2.9	25.9
934	720	Do 'A' (aa)	787	800	..	23.3	2.9	25.3
188	93	Hanover Druce	105	120	..	6.7	5.9	7.0
705	570	Hardanger	625	675	+5	37.5	5.8	7.7
352	233	Hellcal Bar	262	268	-1	7.7	2.9	5.7
218	143	Herring Son	162	172	..	6.7	4.0	12.0
320	225	Jermyn	225	275	..	3.3	1.3	..
660	421	Laing Prop	655	684	+2	14.3	2.2	22.6
619	485	Land Sec (aa)	488	493	-5	20.1	4.1	23.8
173	116	Lon & Edin Tst	139	142	-2	5.8	4.1	7.9
118	89	Do 6% Cv	104	109	..	8.0	7.5	..
197	118	Lon & Metro	139	143	-5	8.9	6.3	7.7
64	38	Lon Securities	42	44	●-1	1.3	3.0	..
609	459	MEPC (aa)	496	500	-6	22.7	4.6	18.0
272	155	McInerney	185	195	-10	..	..	..
222	120	McKay Secs	145	155	●-5	7.5	5.0	17.5
104	63	Marlborough	68	70	r -2	7.3	10.8	6.8
523	401	Marler Moore	393	408	-7	14.0	3.5	7.4
148	40	Martin Intl	50	57	..	2.7	5.0	..
138	90	Mountfield Estates	98	105	..	5.0	4.9	7.8
177	122	Mountleigh	154	157	●-2	6.3	4.0	11.9
15	11	Mountview	11	11¾	-¾	15.3	1.4	7.0
143	92	Muckiow (A&J)	114	117	+1	6.0	5.2	18.3
108	57	New Cavendish	55	60	..	..	..	12.0
24¾	18¾	Ocenry Est	17	18¾	..	1.0	5.8	11.8
125	23	Peacock Prop	20	25	..	2.6	11.3	..
210	117	Power Corp	187	207	..	..	..	..
535	178	Priest Marians	170	185	-10	4.4	2.5	..
195	118	Prop Security	124	136	●..	4.5b	3.3	36.1
18	7¾	Regalian	8¾	9¾	..	0.2	2.2	..
143	84	Regentcrest	82	87	+5	5.3	6.2	4.7
108	42	Rockfort	42	45	-4	3.5	8.0	2.8
709	310	Rosehaugh	312	325	-14	2.7	0.8	9.7
405	208	Rush & Tompkins	208	218	+3	20.3	9.5	5.9
118	75	Savills	87	90	..	5.0	5.8	7.3
172	130	Scot Met	150	154	..	8.0	5.3	18.2
231	171	Shaftesbury	175	180	●..	2.0	1.1	8.9
98	50	Sheraton Secs	63	66	-1	6.7	10.3	5.4
73	20	Shield	25	30	..	..	..	..
103	76	Sinclair Goldsmith	81	88	..	6.7	7.9	8.9
482	274	Slough Estates (aa)	303	308	-1	13.1	4.3	18.7
248	127	Southend Prop	128	130	●-7	4.3	3.3	11.4
358	285	Speyhawk	347	353	-5	18.7	5.3	6.0
122	50	Town Centre	78	83	-2	2.4	3.0	23.4
217	72	Trafford Park	68	78	-3	3.4	4.7	31.6
788	400	UK Land	480	480	+15	19.3	4.1	5.5
62	31	Union Square	31	35	●-1	1.8	4.8	8.1
260	165	Warner	180	190	●-2	10.0	5.4	21.6
13	293	Warnford	310	320	..	8.3	2.6	29.6
136	76	Warrington	77	85	..	2.7	3.3	12.5
120	38	Waterglade	62	72	..	6.3	9.4	4.0
292	155	Wates	176	180	-2	4.1	2.3	11.8
235	115	West & Country	145	155	..	18.7	12.5	2.6

SHOES, LEATHER

1989/90 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
94	59	Headlam	72	79	..	2.9t	3.8	11.3
215	113	Lambert Howarth	177	182	..	12.7	7.1	..
303	130	Pittard Garnar	125	135	-1	8.1	6.2	..
268	78	Strong & Fisher	75	80	..	16.4	21.0	22.8
310	250	Stylo	288	318	..	8.3	3.0	59.4

TEXTILES

1989/90 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
36	20	Atkins	24	27	..	..	..	..
395	313	Allied Text	368	372	..	15.3	4.1	10.9
280	210	Beale (John)	225	235	●-3	10.4	4.5	8.2
105	63	Beckman (A)	83	88	+1	6.4	7.4	14.3
88	51	Bolton Gp	58	62	-1	..	..	..
219	174	Br Mohair	188	193	..	10.7	5.6	7.5
402	263	Courtaulds (aa)	380	383	-1	17.6	4.6	11.7
130	7	CRT Gp	68	73	-5	.. e	..	7.4
245	194	Dawson	198	200	-3	11.8	5.9	11.0
107	52	Drummond	51	54	..	4.9	9.2	4.5
176	108	Foster (John)	105	110	-2	7.3	6.8	5.2
275	165	Gaskell	165	175	..	10.4	6.1	5.8
120	73	Hicking Pentecost	88	89	..	2.7	3.1	11.1
242	101	Jerome (S)	118	123	..	10.4	8.6	5.0
298	210	Lamont	276	280	-1	13.3	4.8	9.5
317	210	Leeds	215	225	..	11.3	5.1	9.7
152	100	Lister	110	115	..	5.3	4.7	15.5
72	55	Lyles (S)	55	59	..	5.0	8.8	5.8
250	120	Mackay (Hugh)	117	127	..	..	..	9.1
190	155	Parkland 'A'	152	157	..	8.7	5.6	8.3
89	50	Readicut	54	55	..	4.3	7.9	7.5
141	73	SEET	70	75	..	7.1	9.7	..
113	79	Sirdar	77	80	..	6.9	8.7	9.5
58	31	Stoddard	37	39	..	3.3	8.7	7.8
523	248	Tomkinsons	295	310	●..	15.3	5.0	7.5
144	91	Tootal	90	93	..	6.6	7.2	10.8
31	13	West Trust	13	15	..	0.7	5.0	11.2
235	185	Yorklyde	210	220	..	13.7	6.4	8.8

TOBACCOS

1989/90 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
936	447	BAT (aa)	800	804	●..	40.0	5.0	10.5
185	120	PJ Carroll	147	157	..	..	..	..
694	434	Rothmans 'B' (aa)	643	655	+10	16.4	2.5	11.8

TRANSPORT

1989/90 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
686	444	Assoc Br Ports	638	645	-3	14.7	2.3	17.0
401	264	BAA (aa)	377	380	-7	13.3	3.5	13.5
240	151	Br Airways (aa)	196	198	..	10.7	5.4	8.9
402	319	Caledonia	360	368	..	14.0	3.8	18.6
213	163	Clarkson (H)	197	202	-1	8.7	4.4	12.5
935	555	Davies & Newman	600	650	-20	22.7	3.6	8.7
11¾	415	Eurotunnel Units	820	835	-17	..	..	..
90	31	Eurotunnel Warrants	47	49	-1	..	..	..
141	113	Fisher (James)	123	128	..	5.4	4.3	15.0
220	155	Geest	180	190	..	6.0	3.2	12.5
81	65	Jacobs (JI)	71	74	..	5.7	7.8	32.3
164	119	Lep	134	138	-2	8.7	4.9	17.2
30	18¾	Manchester Ship	28	30	..	.. e	..	27.6
227	146	Mersey Docks	148	153	-2	3.6	2.4	5.2
283	229	NFC	242	245	●+1	10.0	4.1	13.3
383	257	Ocean Trans	330	337	-4	16.3	4.9	15.6
56	38	Ocean Wilson	43	48	-2	3.3	7.2	4.7
730	520	P & O Dfd (aa)	595	600	..	36.7	6.1	11.6
108	85	P & O 5½%	83	88	..	7.3	8.5	..
412	339	Powell Duffryn	368	372	-¾	28.1	7.6	11.0
500	333	Runciman (Walter)	460	490	+12	16.0	3.4	16.7
208	143	TIP Europe	197	200	..	8.7	3.4	14.1
189	114	TNT	112	116	-2	..	..	..
320	233	Tibbet & Britten	265	275	+2	8.7	3.2	17.8
539	384	Tiphook	462	468	-2	10.1	2.2	13.6
294	189	Transport Dev	228	231	..	12.7	5.5	11.5
305	215	Turnbull Scott	240	250	..	11.1	4.5	12.6

WATER

1989/90 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
177	100	Anglian Water	171	172	-1¾	20.4	11.9	4.2
190	100	Northumbrian	184	187	+¾	21.4	11.5	2.6
185	100	North West	159	161	-1¾	21.0	13.1	3.7
157¾	100	Severn Trent	148	149	..	19.8	13.5	2.7
163	100	Sthn Water	152	155	-1	15.0	9.7	3.5
190	100	South West	186	188	-1	17.4	9.3	3.1
167¾	100	Thames Water	155	156	-¾	19.4	12.5	2.9
177	100	Welsh Water	173	177	-1	22.4	12.8	3.0
183	100	Wessex Water	178	180	-2	20.3	11.3	3.7
182	100	Yorkshire Water	175	178	..	20.6	11.6	4.0
£1670	£1000	Package Unit	£1635	..	-18	..	..	..

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL. Tel: 0345 717373 (Dealing)				
Gilt/Fixed	108.0	112.4	+0.1	9.79
High Inc Equity	136.1	146.6e	-1.2	4.36
UK Wide (Acc)	194.3	205.4e	-0.5	0.25
Amer Growth	178.9	190.4e	+0.7	1.15
Asian Pacific	128.3	136.6	-0.3	0.86
Assets/Equity	157.6	168.6	-1.5	2.18
Capital Res	88.72	88.84	..	6.75
Commodity/Energy	117.9	128.1	..	1.51
Euro Capital	101.8	108.4	-1.3	0.69
General	178.9	189.2e	-1.5	2.64
Japan	114.9	122.9	-1.0	0.00
UK Gth Inc	130.5	138.7	-0.6	2.47
Do Acc	182.0	194.7	-0.8	1.63
US Emerg Cos	51.47	54.78	+1.65	0.00
Income/Gth	303.8	325.0	-1.8	3.15
Magnetic Acc	90.42	98.71	-0.62	1.76
Amer Inc	49.87	52.27e	-0.05	5.24
Ethical	48.47	52.63	-0.19	1.90
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
10, Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ. Tel: 0224 633076 (dealing) (Freephone) 0800 289836				
30, Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7DQ. Tel: 01-374 6801				
Am Inc/Gth	30.90	32.88	+0.02	3.18
Euro	63.77	69.49e	-0.24	0.00
Gen Inc	80.27	85.89e	-0.16	4.61
Exmpt	746.6	776.7e	-0.3	1.51
Extra Inc	43.87	48.93	-0.28	4.18
Fif Equity Ex	62.84	67.30	-0.86	0.01
Invest	137.1	146.5	-1.2	1.88
Do Acc	214.9	229.4	-2.0	1.57
Gt/Fixd Interest	19.18	20.48	-0.14	11.99
Inc Growth	71.03	75.82e	-0.60	3.60
Intl Inc	84.44	88.79e	-0.28	4.56
Jap & Genl	200.8	214.4	-1.1	0.00
Pacific	44.06	47.19e	-0.61	0.01
Secure Inc	191.7	204.7e	-1.1	5.64
Smlr Cos	58.38	63.13	-0.03	2.06
Spec Sits	68.42	74.11	-0.57	0.86
UK Growth	37.67	40.11	-0.20	1.97
World Gth	54.66	58.35	-0.27	0.00
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS				
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL. Tel: 0793 514644 (dealing) 0793 615366				
High Inc	383.3	376.2	-6.0	4.74
Equity Inc	191.3	203.7e	-2.3	5.15
High Yield	204.4	217.8	-3.9	4.89
Balanced	485.5	517.0	-7.5	3.47
Am Inc	32.63	34.75e	-0.36	4.35
World Ass Val	94.34	99.78	-0.19	1.88
Japan	187.7	178.1e	-1.2	0.01
Sec of Am	353.1	348.2	-1.3	0.42
Asset Value	391.0	425.7	-6.8	3.05
Cities Emrt	251.8	268.1	-3.4	2.58
Recov	111.1	118.3	-1.2	2.75
UK Spec Sits	280.7	309.5	-4.8	2.99
Smlr Cos	171.6	182.7e	-0.2	3.14
Capit	290.3	303.1	-3.8	2.81
Am Spec Sit	75.68	80.57	-0.06	1.34
Intl	108.2	115.2e	-0.5	1.04
Growth/Inc	175.4	186.6	-2.2	3.98
Gilt Inc	172.5	183.5	-2.0	0.00
Portfolio	91.86	95.19e	-0.85	2.70
Do Acc	148.2	153.5e	-1.4	2.70
UK Growth	88.38	69.34	-0.59	2.90
UK Smlr Cos	90.04	96.16	-0.06	2.20
Select Man Fd	58.06	59.50	-0.34	1.00
BROWN SHIPLEY				
8-17, Pembroke Rd, Haywards Heath Tel: 0444 454144				
Financial	150.7	160.5c	-1.1	3.94
Smlr Cos Acc	288.5	306.6	-1.9	0.00
Do Inc	176.8	188.2	-1.2	1.39
High Inc	85.12	90.85	-0.67	5.60
Income	107.1	114.5	-0.9	5.34
Man Portf Inc	86.65	92.16e	-0.85	2.84
Do Acc	151.0	160.6e	-1.6	2.30
Intl Equity	54.58	61.53e	+0.01	0.38
Orient	127.4	136.3	-0.7	0.98
Exempt	299.3	312.1	-2.9	2.78
Recov	54.98	58.58	-0.57	3.00
Gamma	40.39	43.31	+0.28	0.50
Intl Recov	30.50	32.48	-0.15	2.89
Europe	23.25	24.85	-0.03	2.40
Conv Gemit	22.88	24.38	-0.04	7.80
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT				
First Floor 80 Cannon St London EC4N 6HR. Tel: 01-236 3568 (0-625 6318 Fax 01 283 0487				
Emer Gen Inc	63.09	66.94e	-0.13	2.80
Do Acc	65.33	69.32e	-0.14	2.80
Fellowship Inc	52.41	56.00	+0.65	3.34
Gwalt Inc 4	53.23	56.32	..	0.00
Do Acc 4	92.7	531.6	-2.9	3.77
Inc Fund 3	161.5	171.4	-0.9	4.67
Do Acc 3	320.2	339.7	-1.8	4.67
Intl Inc 2	112.5	119.1e	-1.3	0.00
Do Acc 2	154.9	163.8e	-2.5	1.00
Smlr Inc 5	106.0	114.9e	-0.2	3.03
Do Acc	119.7	127.1	-0.3	3.03
BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
117 Fenchurch Street London EC3M 5AL. Tel: 01-488 2276				
Stk Gt Fxd Int	53.95	58.75	+0.01	2.76
CANNON FUND MANAGERS				
1, Olympic Way, Wembley Middx HA9 0NB. Tel: 01-902 8876				
Growth	37.05	39.63e	-0.57	2.55
Income	47.98	51.29e	-0.94	3.98
Far East	40.46	43.27e	-0.54	0.68
Nth Amer	35.23	37.74e	-0.02	1.35
Global	54.04	57.49	-0.35	1.71
European	71.50	76.47	+0.32	0.70
Japan	114.5	122.5	-2.6	0.01
Strategic Opp	51.28	54.85	-0.32	1.21
Do Acc	52.49	55.84	-0.38	5.46
Intl Currency	43.39	46.04	-0.05	6.52
CAPABILITY TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
8 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Tel Enquiries: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 261819				
Am & Gen	75.32	80.13	-0.71	1.60
Do Acc	73.02	84.03	-0.775	1.60
European	67.18	71.47	+0.29	1.55
Do Acc	68.43	72.80	+0.30	1.35
F East/Gen	68.66	71.13	-0.92	0.00
Do Acc	69.82	71.19	-0.92	0.00
Gilt/Fixed	34.05	37.5	-0.7	2.21
Do Acc	256.5	273.1	-0.6	2.21
Growth	266.9	283.9	-3.6	3.09
Do Acc	415.1	441.8	-6.6	3.36
Inc &Gth Inc	318.7	340.1e	-2.5	4.70
Do Acc	370.2	393.8	-2.5	4.70
Master Portf	232.75	85.76e	-0.77	2.42
Do Acc	288.47	91.69e	-0.82	2.42
Spec Sits	62.94	66.96e	-0.54	3.13
Do Acc	67.95	72.00e	-0.58	3.13
CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT				
PO Box 582 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU Tel: 01-626 0936 01-623 6312				
Amer Index	128.1	133.4e	-0.5	1.76
Capit	466.4	496.6	-4.2	4.10
Euro Index	139.0	139.4e	-1.2	1.71
Euro S S	77.34	82.43e	-0.46	2.21
Far East S S	73.41	76.34e	-0.16	0.71
Gold Gen S S	73.01	77.81	-1.47	3.98
Income	420.2	446.4	-3.5	5.28
Intl Sp Sits	84.94	94.55	-0.24	1.60
Jap Index	85.73	93.59e	-0.39	0.00
N Amer	276.4	294.9	-1.1	1.93
Tiger Index	97.91	103.6	-0.29	1.74
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
16 Tokenhouse Yard, London EC2R 7AN Tel: 01-606 6700				
Euro Port	68.64	74.70	+0.16	1.00
Port	58.80	63.90e	-0.36	2.62
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND				
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 01-588 1815				
Inv	537.55	..	4.89	
Fixed Int	131.75	..	10.85	
Deposit	100.0	..	14.85	
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND				
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 01-588 1815				
Income	516.58	● ..	8.09	
Acc	£17.5161	● ..	..	
Deposit	100.0	..	14.80	
CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MANAGERS				
Leconfield House Curzon Street London W1Y 8AL Tel: 01-499 7733				
SC Spec Sits	55.51	58.43	..	0.41
CHINA UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
5, Thomas Street, EC3V 8AR Tel: 01-706 3871				
Euro Gth	39.13	94.26	+0.57	1.34
1992 Euro Spc	67.39	72.07	+0.17	0.94
Intl Inc	61.96	66.18	-0.13	3.57
NAm Gth	48.41	51.78	-0.35	1.25
Pacific Gth	78.05	84.55	-0.71	3.37
UK Gth Acc	62.50	68.24	-0.82	3.42
Do Dist	76.58	81.90	-0.57	3.42
UK Income	65.41	69.96	-0.51	6.47
CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH Tel: 0800 373899				
Am Growth	24.43	25.99	-0.10	0.15
Aldus Gth	27.17	28.90	-0.28	0.19
Dragon Gth	35.12	37.36	-0.20	1.12
Equity Pf Inc	53.78	57.12	-0.59	5.74
Do Acc	69.68	73.29	-0.62	5.04
Euro Growth	39.72	42.31	-0.30	1.10
Gemi Equity	57.66	60.66	-0.57	3.97
Intl Inc	34.35	35.90e	-0.12	5.32
Jap Growth	32.97	36.53	-0.22	0.00
Pedigree Gth	51.86	54.59	-0.21	2.91
Reale Inc	23.18	24.09e	-0.18	6.67
Do Acc	24.49	26.05e	-0.16	6.67
Spec Sits	32.83	35.68	-0.04	2.58
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS				
St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ Tel: 01-283 7500 Dealing 01-588 8819				
Am Gth	65.18	69.34	+0.13	3.18
Euro Gth	63.65	68.86	-0.62	1.05
Far East	67.47	93.05	-0.67	0.04
Gilts Inc	35.44	37.70e	-0.04	2.59
Do Acc	58.58	39.63e	-0.06	2.59
Gilt/Fixd Int	43.04	45.72	-0.36	8.03
Inc	64.27	68.27	-0.54	4.53
Do Acc	71.84	79.21	-0.60	4.53
Jap Gwth	44.30	47.13	-0.18	0.50
Monthly Inc	44.57	47.84e	-0.19	10.00
Private Inv Pt	48.49	62.65	-0.36	5.46
Profess Inv Pt	57.15	60.80	-0.55	2.94
Prop Inv Pt	53.89	57.33	-0.47	3.35
UK/Gen Inc	84.80	89.94	-0.44	3.24
Do Acc	70.49	74.89	-0.49	3.24
Wrldw Bond	46.85	49.55	-0.28	6.52
Wrldw Sp Sits	69.87	77.29	-0.58	0.00
Do accum	65.19	69.03e	-0.07	0.19
Outlier Gen Inc	101.1	107.5	-0.8	2.46
Outlier Inc	89.15	105.4e	-0.51	5.03
Outlier Intl Acc	113.8	121.0	-0.4	0.94
CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD				
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW Tel: 04862 5033				
Amer	133.6	139.1e	-0.9	0.60
Canadian Gth	24.84	26.49	-0.12	0.58
Euro	147.7	158.4	-0.7	1.18
Gilt Trust	335.4	358.0e	-3.5	3.03
High Inc	379.8	408.2	-3.2	4.77
Intl Tech	130.1	139.9	-0.6	1.50
Investment	88.59	91.10	-0.41	2.20
Japanese	313.2	335.0	-4.9	0.00
Main Int	35.45	35.97	-0.50	1.88
EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh Tel: 0345 626005				
Amer	67.84	72.19	-0.03	1.30
Capit	138.1	146.7	-0.5	1.26
Convertible	34.63	36.17	-0.06	7.26
Eurobond	35.79	37.93e	-0.41	0.79
Growth/Inc	208.7	219.6e	-2.4	4.23
High Dist	185.8	195.0	-2.0	6.79
Intl	208.0	224.8	-1.5	1.05
Pacific	40.37	42.91	+0.21	0.70
Reserves	25.47	27.08	-0.28	0.00
Smlr Jap Cos	69.95	74.14e	-0.15	0.00
Tokyo	54.04	58.46	-0.7	0.00
Ex Am 2	128.9	133.6	..	1.68
Ex Jap 3	142.9	148.8	-1.1	0.14
Ex Pacific 4	527.4	592.2	..	0.19
Ex Smlr Jap 4	555.8	581.4	..	0.07
EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LG Tel: 0242 221311				
UK Balan Inc	95.89	101.8	-1.89	2.47
Do Acc	103.7	110.3	-0.5	2.47
UK Gth Accum	147.9	157.3	-0.8	2.33
UK High Inc	109.4	116.4	-0.6	5.98
N Amer Acc	72.42	77.04	-0.01	0.91
Far East Acc	140.8	149.8	-1.4	0.82
Euro Acc	127.3	135.4	-0.9	0.77
UK Gilt/Fd Int	81.02	84.19	-0.05	9.60
Do Acc	88.16	70.27	-0.05	9.60
Intl Sp S Acc	46.15	49.10	-0.46	1.34
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
41, Hampton Gardens London SW7 4AU Tel: 01 373 7261				
Endurance	146.6	155.9	..	2.31
EQUITABLE DEBTS ADMINISTRATION				
Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW Tel: 0296 431480				
Equity Pension	107.5	113.2	-0.86	4.13
High Inc	110.4	116.2	+0.68	5.80
Gt/Fixed Interest	46.42	48.86e	-0.17	10.05
T Gt Inv Ts	112.5	118.5e	-0.86	2.30
Spec Sits	110.0	113.8	-1.03	5.61
N Am	88.98	72.98	-0.18	1.84
Far East	189.7	199.7	-0.68	0.76
Intl Gth	78.11	83.27	-0.68	1.89
Euro	60.09	63.25	-0.60	1.44
EQUITY & LAW				
St. George Hse Corporation St. County CV1 1HD Tel: 0865 790201				
UK Gth Accum	225.4	238.6	-2.4	3.74
Do Inc	178.2	188.6	-1.9	3.74
Higher Inc Acc	418.6	448.7	-4.1	5.85
Do Inc	297.9	317.0	-3.0	5.53
Gilt/Fixd Acc	134.8	139.8	-0.2	9.30
Do Inc	77.01	81.01	+0.10	9.30
N America	139.4	147.3	-0.4	0.00
Far East	258.0	272.4	-1.9	0.16
Europe	253.2	269.4	-1.9	0.43
Gemi	315.5	340.3	-9.2	3.82
Br Excellence	48.18	51.29	-1.37	0.42
Br Fdmtls Inc	65.09	69.81	-0.28	4.47
Do Acc	69.94	63.77	-0.25	6.74
Global Opp	59.86	63.09	-0.54	0.22
FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS				
108, West George St, Glasgow G2 5PA Tel: 041-332 3132				
Gilts Gth Acc	92.26	95.81	-0.41	1.31
Do Inc	77.58	82.63	-0.36	1.11
High Yield Acc	35.76	38.06e	-0.35	4.89
Do Inc	30.69	32.66e	-0.30	4.89
Inc Gth Acc	62.19	66.16	-0.62	3.67
Do Inc	48.62	51.72	-0.46	3.67
Service Co Acc	72.79	77.44	+0.23	1.11
Do Inc	70.47	74.97	+0.23	1.11
Am Gth Acc	27.89	29.46e	-0.11	0.00
Do Inc	27.21	28.94e	-0.11	0.00
Euro Gth Acc	31.23	33.23	-0.13	0.78
Do Inc	30.07	32.04	-0.13	0.78
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD				
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Road Hildenborough Kent TN11 9DZ Tel: 0800 414161				
American	129.3	139.9	-0.5	0.00
Am Equity Inc	30.38	32.25e	-0.09	3.56
Am Spec Sits	58.19	61.86	-0.18	0.00
Australia	38.36	28.00e	..	0.00
European	121.5	129.2	+0.2	..
Euro Inc	30.02	32.8e	-0.14	3.29
Global Conv	32.55	34.12	-0.10	5.31
Far East Inc	38.27	40.49	-0.07	2.78
Gt/Fixd Interest	26.51	28.77e	-0.32	9.86
Japan Gth	18.72	83.00e	-0.61	0.00
Jap Spec Sits	104.2	110.8e	-1.1	..
Japan	196.2	207.7	-2.7	..
Managed Int	170.3	181.1	-1.4	0.00
Inc Plus	118.4	127.0	-0.8	4.75
Famous Name	48.28	51.76	-0.40	0.07
SE Asia	62.00	66.15	-0.06	0.00
Spec Sits	380.6	398.8	-1.7	0.00
Smlr Cmpn	86.68	97.36e	-0.24	0.00
Intl Bond	25.09	26.49e	-0.13	0.58
Euro Opps	38.68	41.08	-0.18	0.00
Recov	33.97	36.43	-0.10	0.65
Moneybuilder	39.66	35.68	-0.12	0.38
Euro Opp 1992	41.11	43.91	+0.02	0.00
FOREIGN & COLONIAL				
Adelaide S,Rayleigh Road Hutton Essex Tel: Enquiries: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 261911				
Euro Income	99.12	102.8e	-0.76	2.21
Far East	129.1	131.7	-0.4	0.00
Financials	67.95	52.57e	-0.48	0.00
Fixed Interest	49.61	52.30	-0.05	10.42
Intl Tech	113.0	120.9	-1.0	0.62
Nat'l Res	74.22	79.32	-0.30	1.48
Gilt Income	64.88	68.39	-0.54	4.18
UK Growth	78.22	83.80	-0.61	1.85
UK Inc Fund	108.3	116.9	-0.8	4.58
US Major	66.47	69.14	-0.05	0.64
US Smlr Cos	98.74	106.6	+1.07	0.32
FRANKLINTON UNIT MANAGEMENT				
2, London Wall Buildings, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ Tel: 01-638 5181				
Am Smlr Cos	198.7	210.6	..	0.00
Do Acc	203.4	215.2	-0.2	..
Am Trnd Inc	235.7	249.4	-0.4	..
Do Acc	244.5	258.7	-0.4	..
Capit Inc	289.8	285.5	-1.1	2.89
Do Acc	344.0	364.0	-1.8	2.89
Cons Inc	106.7	112.9e	-0.4	7.74
Do Acc	163.9	173.4e	-0.7	7.74
Euro Inc	100.9	106.7	-0.9	0.45
Do Acc	102.3	108.2	-0.9	0.86
Extra Inc Inc	271.4	287.1e	-2.3	5.57
Do Acc	329.2	347.9e	-2.7	5.57
Financial Acc	64.02	67.74	-0.25	0.89
Inc Trust	62.99	66.65	-0.25	0.89
Inc Trust	183.2	193.8	-1.1	5.33
Do Acc	218.2	230.8	-1.2	5.33
Intl Tech	192.1	203.4	-1.2	..
Do Acc	202.1	213.8	-0.6	..
Jap & Gen Inc	176.4	186.6e	-0.7	..
Do Acc	177.1	187.4e	-0.8	..
Monthly Inc	138.2	146.3e	-0.7	5.34
PEP 87	68.76	●	-0.16	4.21
PEP 88	60.54	66.00	-0.13	4.13
Recov	198.7	210.3e	+0.1	2.10
Smlr Inc	224.3	237.0e	-1.1	2.10
Smlr Inc	58.06	62.91	-0.23	3.81
Do Acc	58.25	61.84	-0.25	3.81
Choice Gth Inc	51.12	52.70	..	6.50
Do Acc	51.22	52.70	..	6.50
Chinese Inc Inc	53.05	54.69	+0.02	11.00
Do Acc	53.05	54.69	+0.02	11.00
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS				
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH Tel: Dealing: 0722 413411 Admin: 0722 419922				
Equity Dist	289.6	308.1	-1.75	3.01
Equity Acc	525.8	559.3	-3.18	3.01
Euro Gilt Dist	100.3	106.7e	-0.82	0.30
Do Acc	101.3	107.8e	-0.83	0.30
Fixed Int Dist	110.0	116.5	+0.09	7.50
Fixed Int Acc	153.2	164.3	+0.14	7.50
Int Gth Dist	70.52	75.0	-0.38	0.41
Do Acc	71.43	75.99	-0.39	0.41
N Am Dist	135.2	143.4e	-0.11	0.99
Do Acc	141.3	148.8e	-0.11	0.99
Pac Basin Dist	222.2	236.4e	-1.45	0.12
Do Acc	223.0	237.3e	-1.46	0.12
Stnd Dist	261.7	278.4	-0.99	2.10
Do Acc	384.3	302.5	-1.07	2.10
Stnd Inc Dist	25.87	27.53	-0.21	4.57
Do Acc	54.60	58.73e	-0.22	4.57
N/Am Stnd Dist	61.49	65.29e	+0.01	0.41
Do Acc	63.56	67.46e	+0.01	0.41
GT UNIT MANAGERS				
8th Floor, 5, Broadgate Sq, London EC2M 4YJ Tel: 01-588 2575 Dealing 01-628 9431				
Am Sp Sits	70.98	75.92	-0.08	0.00
UK Cap Inc	148.8	157.1e	-1.2	2.20
Do Acc	227.8	243.7e	-2.9	2.20
Do Spec Sits	57.54	61.56	-0.53	1.03
GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
PO Box 462, 32 St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3P 3AJ. Tel: 01-623 9333				
Global Gth	53.33	59.20	-0.26	1.10
High Inc	91.75	99.17e	-0.77	7.14
N Am	121.7	130.2	..	1.37
Pacific Gth	59.87	63.85	-0.99	0.00
Recov	331.7	355.0	-1.6	4.27
St Vis Inc	118.8	122.6e	-0.5	7.36
St Vis Ins US Gth	53.03	55.07e	-0.10	0.48
TB Sm Cos	258.6	270.6e	..	3.96
TRUSF	158.9	168.8	..	3.85
Euro Gth Tst	71.84	76.89	-0.09	0.76
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Admin S, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Tel: Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 261819				
Euro Equity	62.93	66.77	-0.05	0.90
Canadian	52.04	55.21e	-0.05	2.64
Equity Inc	117.1	124.6	-0.5	6.50
Far East	128.8	136.8	-0.9	0.68
High Inc	87.09	92.49	-0.94	7.25
Intl Stks	98.79	80.74	-0.46	0.87
Jap & Far East	141.6	150.2	-1.5	0.57
N Am	70.99	75.97	+0.02	0.52
Recov/Asset	62.02	65.80	-0.64	3.30
Scandinavian	123.4	130.9	+1.9	0.30
Smlr Cos	32.79	34.89e	-0.07	2.67
UK New Gem	41.34	44.02	-0.10	1.95
HENDERSON				
Premier UT Administration Admin S, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Tel: 0277 261819				
Am Recov	112.6	120.0	-0.41	0.83
Am Smlr Cos	44.00	47.25	+0.02	0.00
Australian	115.8	123.5	-2.28	3.91
Capit Gth Inc	70.19	74.79	-0.41	3.26
Do Acc	87.88	93.60	-0.67	3.26
European	868.5	925.4	-4.65	0.76
Euro Inc	59.35	63.81e	-0.37	3.00
Euro Smlr Cos	127.1	135.3	-0.62	0.00
Extra Inc	244.3	260.5	-1.44	7.29
Financial	184.0	197.9	-1.2	2.94
Fixed Interest	48.10	51.24	+0.03	10.83
Global Inc/Gth	68.12	72.62	-0.41	1.57
Global Recovery	94.73	91.25e	-0.57	1.70
High Inc	276.2	296.0e	-1.48	4.94
Hong Kong	62.87	67.06	+1.23	2.56
Income/Gth Inc	234.8	251.4	-1.40	4.85
Do Acc	448.0	479.9	-3.04	4.85
Inc Assets	146.9	161.1e	-1.32	5.28
Intl	197.1	209.7	-2.02	0.58
Jap Spec Sits	228.4	243.3	-3.08	0.00
Jap	254.4	270.8	-3.43	0.00
Nth Amer	149.8	159.4e	-0.79	1.65
Pac Smlr Cos	132.3	141.0	-1.19	0.34
Pension Man	51.57	53.78	-0.40	2.85
Smlr Cos	46.75	50.04e	-0.17	11.25
Recov	144.5	157.5e	-0.90	3.20
Singap Malay	61.57	65.70e	-0.45	0.00
Smlr Cos Div	159.7	175.7e	-0.53	5.40
Spec Sits Inc	25.87	27.53	-0.21	4.57
Do Acc	301.5	324.4	-3.74	1.55
Euro Exempt	160.1	167.1	-1.63	0.61
Gbl Tec Exempt	68.67	71.73	-0.49	1.31
Hi Inc Exempt	173.3	186.7	-1.41	5.13
Jap Exempt	228.7	236.2e	-3.02	0.00
N Am Exempt	100.0	103.6	-0.42	2.22
Pacific Exempt	235.3	244.4	-1.56	1.29
Smlr Co Expt	173.9	187.0	-1.5	0.35
Best of British	45.16	48.24	-0.32	2.32
Spirit Of Eqt	48.73	48.67	-0.60	2.42
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
N.L.A. Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon Tel: 01-686 4300 01-686 9011				
British	72.80	77.86e	+0.05	2.79
Capit	127.9	136.7e	-1.2	1.61
Dollar	203.9	224.4	-0.6	0.47
Euro	180.8	189.4	+0.1	0.00
Far East	170.1	181.9e	-1.8	0.99
Financial	512.5	548.1	-6.1	2.15
G/F Inter Inc	23.89	24.50e	-0.12	9.62
High Yield	93.76	100.2	-0.76	5.66
Inc Trust	117.7	125.8	-1.2	3.95
Intl	164.2	175.5e	-0.9	0.57
Jap Tech	73.16	78.27e	-1.32	0.00
Nat'l Resrcs	61.14	65.38	-0.80	1.94
Security	242.7	259.5	-2.2	1.91
Smlr Cos	108.5	117.1	-0.4	1.48
Spec Sits	137.7	147.2	-1.0	1.79
US Gwth Cos	29.23	31.26	+0.01	0.00
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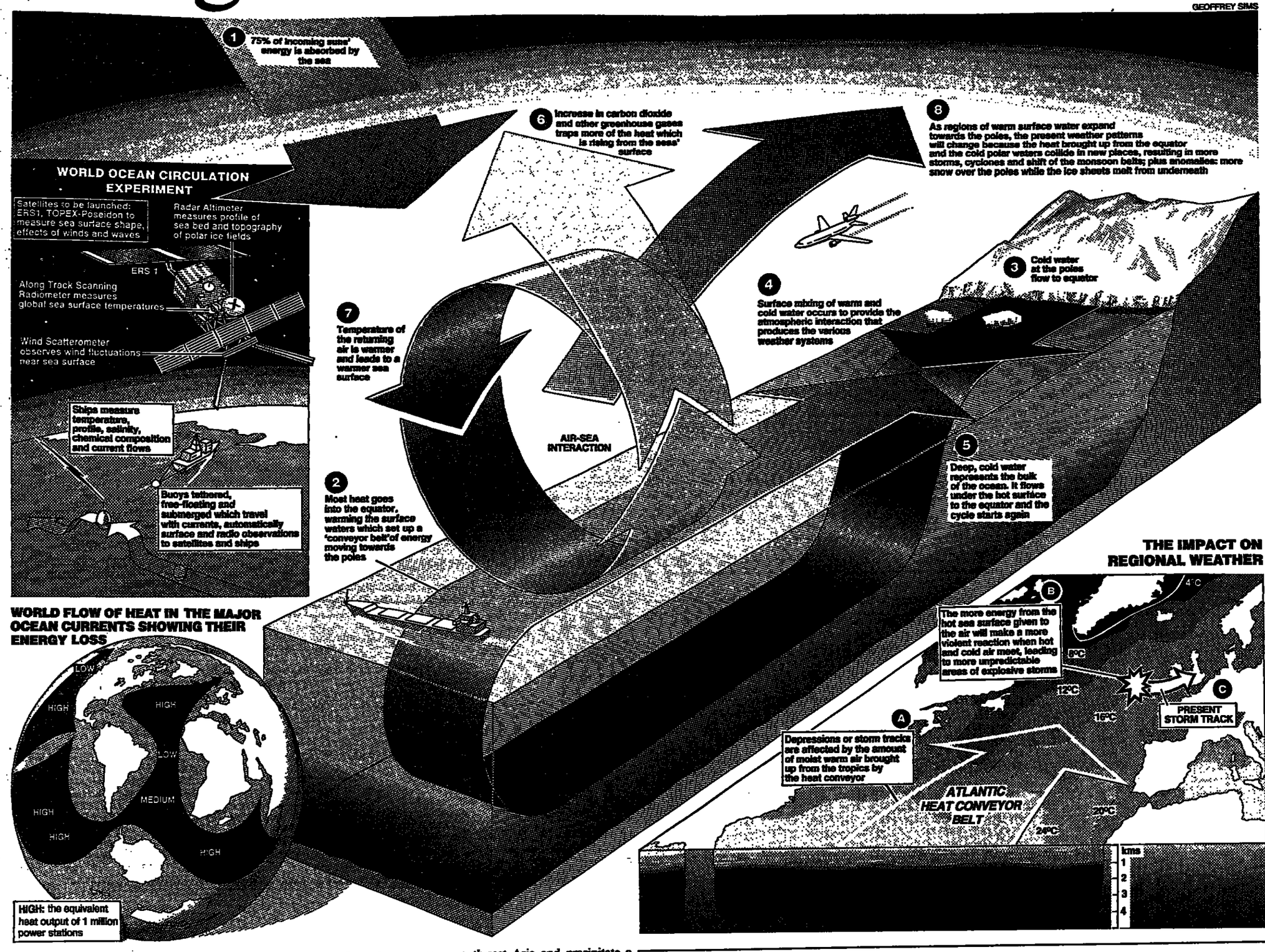

Storms such as those that battered France and Germany last weekend, and devastated parts of Britain and The Netherlands a week earlier, have thrown doubt over the ability of meteorologists to forecast lethal fluctuations in the weather.

They also pose the wider question of whether those extremes, including a spate of ferocious cyclones in the southern hemisphere, are freak events or manifestations of the greenhouse effect and a foretaste of the weather pattern for the next century.

An answer should emerge from an ambitious global experiment in ocean research which began this month: a billion pound study involving 40 countries, with headquarters based in Surrey. The goal is to unravel the role played by the oceans in controlling the Earth's climate. Data will be collected from research ships, and by satellite.

There is increasing anxiety about the impact on the climate of the warming of the Earth's surface from the accumulation of industrial gases in the atmosphere and from the effects of deforestation.

The depth of concern emerged at an inter-governmental conference in Washington this week called to draft the first international treaty to protect the environment. Its primary goal would be to secure a cut in the emission of carbon dioxide gases by drastically reducing the use of fossil fuels.

In an unprecedented show of scientific unity before the start of the meeting, more than 700 scientists, representing a broad range of disciplines from medicine to physics and including 49 Nobel prize winners, urged the United States Government to drop its complacency over the threat of global warming.

They wrote to President George Bush saying that, while "more research on global warming is necessary, uncertainty is no excuse for complacency." A principal reason for that uncertainty lies in our limited knowledge of the influence of the oceans on the climate.

With more than 70 per cent of the planet's surface covered by water, almost three-quarters of the energy received from the Sun is absorbed, stored and redistributed by the oceans in a vast thermal conveyor belt.

When the study is complete, scientists should be able to predict the global and regional changes in the climate. Ultimately, climate forecasting will rest on understanding the behaviour in the oceans' top 10ft to 20ft, because the water carries more heat than the whole of the atmosphere.

The project, called the World Ocean Circulation Experiment (WOCE) is expected to take at least five to six years and is directed by an international team seconded to headquarters established at the Institute of Oceanographic Sciences Deacon Laboratory, in Surrey.

The venture depends on measurements to be made from a flotilla of oceanographic research ships assembled by the US, Britain, West Germany, France, Japan, Australia the Soviet Union and others.

Three purpose-built remote-sensing satellites are to be launched with special

As extremes in the climate become more common, scientists are looking to the ocean, the planet's thermal conveyor. Pearce Wright reports

radar instruments to map ocean currents, sea wave heights, seabed contours, ice fields and variations in winds close to the sea surface. A new generation of robot submarines built from reinforced plastic materials and a fleet of tethered and free-floating electronic buoys will collect tens of thousands of measurements.

Dr Bruce Taft, a US oceanographer now based at the Surrey headquarters, says that the team's findings will be pooled to create a three-dimensional model of the oceans' circulation. This will help forecasts of variations in the exchange of heat and moisture between the sea and air: the key to the world's weather systems at the mercy of the greenhouse effect.

Western Europe enjoys a mild winter because of the "Atlantic conveyor" which moves vast volumes of warm water from the tropics via the Gulf Stream to the south of Iceland, where it cools and then descends, releasing tremendous amounts of heat to the atmosphere in the process. On average, a square metre of the ocean surface releases 60 watts of heat into the atmosphere, at any given time.

Heat is being absorbed and emitted in a continuous process. But the waters in equatorial and middle latitudes have a net gain of energy and the polar latitudes suffer a net loss.

Dr John Gould, the project co-ordinator for the UK segment of WOCE, says: "Climate is an elaborate balancing and budgeting problem. But the component parts are not understood. The importance of WOCE cannot be overestimated. It is about the future of the planet."

Fundamental changes in the temperature and circulation of ocean currents could alter the pattern of the trade winds over the Pacific, the monsoons over south-east Asia and precipitate a total redistribution of the the rain and snowfall across the globe.

'The climate is an elaborate balancing and budgeting problem'

Some day in the future, forecasters will predict for 10 years and 100 years ahead such patterns as mild weather in the middle of the century, flooding in coastal zones, no snow in central European ski resorts but an excess in northern Europe, Iceland and Greenland.

The plan for WOCE was conceived in 1979 as part of a larger World Climate Research programme. The project is divided into three streams concerned with climate prediction over months, years and decades. The ocean study is needed for the second and third parts.

The first cruise by the West German research vessel Meteor, has begun, zigzagging its way across Drake Passage and the Wedell Sea, in the Antarctic, to study one of the least surveyed oceans.

But the method of measuring temperatures and water characteristics by towing instruments and lowering probes to the sea floor is far too expensive and slow to produce a survey of the complete globe.

Later this year the first of three spacecraft, the European Earth Resources Satellite, ERS-1, will be launched. It will carry a device developed by scientists at the the Rutherford-Appleton Laboratory, near Oxford, called an Along-Track Scanning Radiometer for measuring sea surface temperatures.

Other equipment will measure wind fields above the ocean, wave patterns, ice coverage and the sea-ice transition zones and the topography of the polar ice caps. To get global coverage, a French-American satellite called Topex--Poseidon will be launched in two years, carrying altimeters capable of measuring the height of the sea surface to within a few centimetres.

At any one time, the Gulf Stream is pushing along an estimated 250 million megawatts of heat, or the equivalent power generated by one million power stations, along the coast of the US and out into the Atlantic toward the Arctic.

At the same time, 25 times as much cold deep water is pouring from the Arctic between Greenland and Norway.

Oceanographers can determine the "age" of water. They showed recently that water which was last near the surface in the Greenland Sea 1,000 years ago has turned up in the Pacific. Analysis of the age of water depends on natural and man-made geochemical tracers which can only have been picked up at a particular place or time.

Scientists have exploited the time when bomb tests were common, measuring the amount of tritium which must have been picked up when water was near the surface. Tritium and carbon-14 or other radioactive tracers deliberately introduced, provide a good time-clock.

But when all the data has been sifted, the crucial information the public wants is whether the greenhouse effect means that higher surface temperatures, frequent deep depressions, and wild weather extremes will become a common part of our lives.

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Listening for aliens

The quest for life in outer space begins in two years' time. William Broad describes the $100m project

After decades of dreaming, and sometimes scheming, a small band of Earthlings has received American government money to embark on a $100 million (£58 million), 10-year project to find aliens. Their goal is to scan the sky with dish-shaped antennas, listening for faint signals from advanced civilizations they say may dot the galaxy. Their search for extraterrestrial intelligence is known by its acronym, SETI.

For years, about 20 scientists, many working for Nasa, have lived on shoestring budgets, thinking about rather than doing ambitious searches. But in the 1990 fiscal year, for the first time they received funds to start the world's first wide-ranging examination of the heavens for signs of alien civilizations.

"This is the big step," says Dr Frank Drake, a founder of the modern field of extraterrestrial searches, who is a professor of astronomy and astrophysics at the University of California at Santa Cruz. "It will allow us to do very sophisticated searching."

Advocates say the project is important because it will start to tackle one of mankind's ultimate questions with scientific rigour. Sceptics, however, say there is no evidence of beings out there waiting to be discovered. If there were such beings, they say, Earth would have heard from them by now.

Enthusiasts have conducted about 50 smaller searches. The first modern one was in 1960, when Drake used the 85ft antenna at the National Radio Astronomy Observatory in West Virginia to listen for transmissions.

The challenge today is finding powerful new ways to distinguish an alien transmission from Earthly static and cosmic background noise.

The main American government project is to build an advanced radio receiver that will simultaneously scan 14 million channels of radio waves from existing radio-telescopes around the world, seeking signs of intelligence in the universe. The apparatus is to be switched on in October 1992, the 500th anniversary of Columbus's discovery of America, and is to run until the turn of the century. "In the first minute, we'll accomplish more than all the other projects combined," says Dr Peter Backus, a principal investigator at the California-based SETI Institute.

Getting to this point was no easy task. The scientists were attacked and ridiculed by traditional astronomers and astrophysicists. "It's been a long, arduous task to convince all the appropriate parties that this is the right thing to do," says Thomas Pierson, the institute's director.

"SETI is always burdened with the threat of being declared flaky, or fringe, or pseudo-science," Drake says. "So you have to be careful that very qualified, right-thinking people are involved." For example, advocates try to keep light-years of distance between themselves and believers in unidentified flying objects, saying the reports are based more on wishful thinking than on science.

> **'In the first minute of the scanning operation, we shall accomplish more than all the other projects combined'**

The programme finally won crucial backing from Republican Senator Jake Garn, who became convinced of the possibility of extraterrestrial beings. Garn succeeded in winning federal funds, although they were slightly less than hoped. Nasa had asked for $6.8 million for SETI but received $4 million, a doubling of its budget. It was enough money, however, to start construction. "It's an exciting time for us," said Dr Jill Tarter, a Nasa scientist. "We'll go ahead and make the instruments we hope to turn on in 1992."

The apparatus now taking shape will fill four refrigerator-sized electronic racks. It will first divide incoming signals into 14 million channels and then analyse every one for extraterrestrial clues, scanning for either continuous waves, similar to the carrier waves used on Earth broadcasts, or for pulsed signals, similar to rotating lighthouse beacons.

The scientists intend to use many radiotelescopes, including the world's largest, measuring 1,000ft, at Arecibo, Puerto Rico.

The search will have two distinct parts. One will examine specific targets, about 770 Sun-like stars up to 80 light-years, or 470 trillion miles, from Earth. Scientists believe they might have Earth-like planets, and possibly civilizations. The other part will survey the entire sky, including the Milky Way and its 400 billion stars. "The typical guess is that there are 10,000 to 100,000 advanced civilizations in the Milky Way alone," Drake says.

The scientists think their equipment will be sensitive enough to pick up beacon signals sent out by advanced civilizations to broadcast their presence, and perhaps some routine transmissions that leak out as well.

But researchers fear time is running out. Radio interference on the ground and from orbiting satellites is increasing so fast that this decade may be the last opportunity for Earth-based searches unimpeded by extraneous noise.

However, some astronomers and astrophysicists say there is no firm evidence of life elsewhere in the universe, despite the enormous number of stars and the possibility that there are other habitable planets. "Maybe we're a fluke," says Dr Robert Rood, an astronomer at the University of Virginia, who describes himself as mildly sceptical of the Nasa plan for a big search.

Critics also ask: Where are the aliens? The universe is so old, about 15 billion years, that many aliens should have visited our solar system by now if biological evolution is as universal as the advocates believe.

(New York Times).

Does the secret of eternal life lie within a potato? A Russian scientist thinks it might

Calling back the years

A Russian scientist says he has been able to extend the life of plants and trees by slowing down their natural development. Nikolai Isayev, a Moscow biologist, says he has been conducting experiments with houseplant spiderwort, potatos and maple trees.

Now in charge of a department at Vesta – the All-Union Experimental Scientific Centre – Isayev began his experiments by picking some leaves from a young potato. He then crushed them in boiling water and injected the solution into an older potato.

Within a couple of hours, he says, its flowers drooped and new buds stopped developing.

The experiment proved to Isayev that, as far as plants were concerned, the ageing process could be manipulated.

Further experiments showed that the periodic removal of tubers from potato plants which had not yet flowered stopped the ageing process and turned the potato into an evergreen.

Ageing, Isayev says, is caused by a series of stages, each triggered by biochemical substances which "switch" the organism from one stage to the next one.

Block this process – for example, by nipping buds – and the accumulation of biochemical substances essential for moving from one stage to another is prevented.

Isayev believes that this theory, which he hopes to test in his new laboratory, applies equally to plants and could even apply to humans and other animals. In the long term, he says, it might be possible to prevent brains from ageing by slowing down the chemical processes, or stop arteries from clogging.

He is convinced that it should be possible to identify all the substances responsible for all the ageing triggers – and inhibit them.

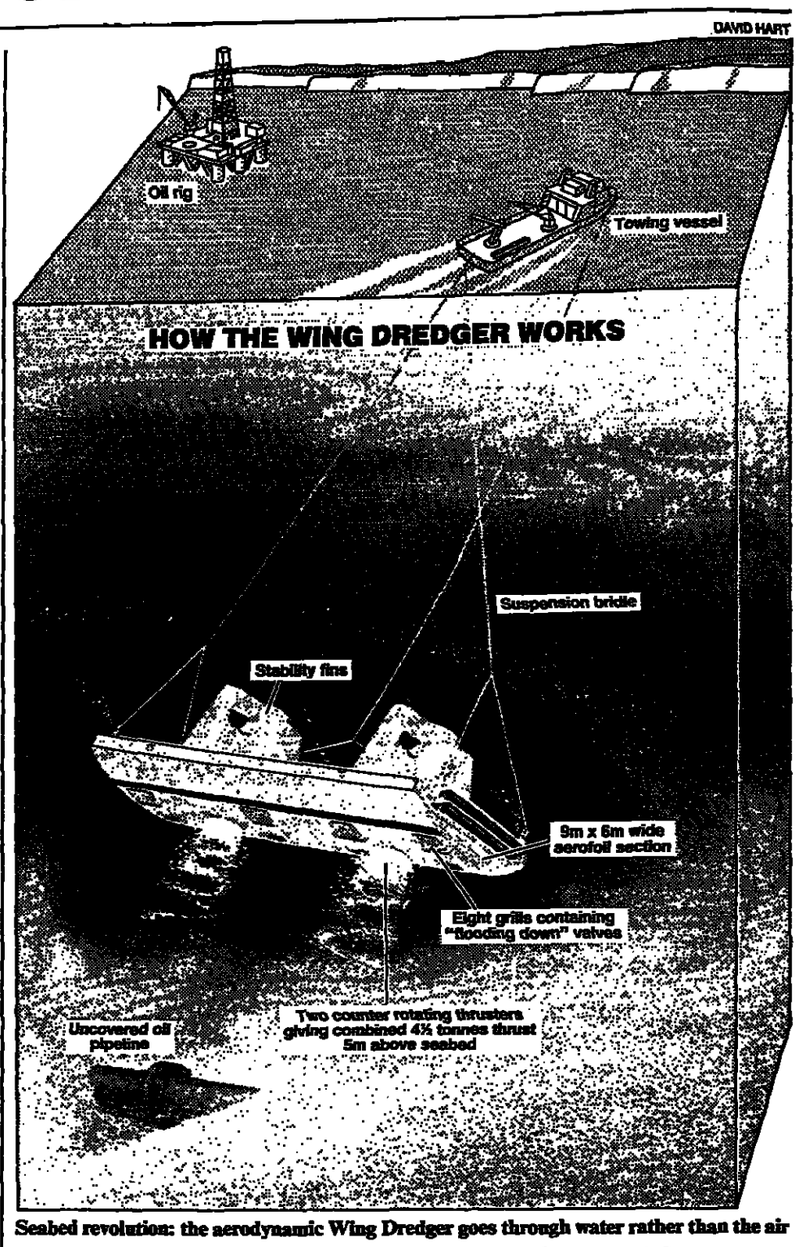
The Soviet Insititute of Gerontology has cited experiments in gene-regulating therapy – which prevents genetic information being passed on by DNA – which can increase the average life span of animals by 43 per cent.

Enterosorption, another experiment, concentrates on removing toxic agents from gastric juices. The life expectancy of animals whose blood was filtered by this method rose by 43.4 per cent.

The institute says that enterosorption could also benefit elderly people. It says that blood changes associated with atherosclerosis (a disease which prevents normal blood-flow) are less pronounced.

Unfortunately, however, the method removes not only toxic substances from the body, but also those substances needed by it.

Andrew Wiseman



Seabed revolution: the aerodynamic Wing Dredger goes through water rather than the air

It's not in the pipeline

Using a technique devised by sea captains on treasure hunts where ships' propellers are used to blow silt and sand off artefacts, and adapting methods developed by the aviation industry, British engineers have created a machine for dredging sand and silt from long tracks of pipeline. The Wing Dredger has been designed by Rapid Wing Dredging (RWD) for undersea work.

At present, oil companies wanting to clear debris off pipelines or well-heads for, say inspection, use jet pumps – vacuum-type cleaner machines that suck away silt and sand.

The system is efficient and accurate, but over the hundreds of miles of pipeline that typically link a North Sea platform with the mainland, such a process can take years.

Ed Cookson, an RWD spokesman, says: "The Wing Dredger can be towed at a few knots, uncovering whole pipelines in days."

The device consists of a 9m by 6m aerofoil that is aerodynamically balanced to go through water rather than air. It is lowered to less than a metre above the seabed and towed by a ship. Set into the structure are two propellers, one which turns clockwise, the other anti-clockwise.

Cookson says tests on the dredger are expected to be carried out from next month to early April.

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Surgery looks to the future

A London team is leading the way in a laser technique to correct short-sightedness. Its research offers hope to millions with sight defects, Thomson Prentice writes

A surgical laser which performs sculpture on the human eye to correct short-sightedness and other defects could be offered to some British patients later this year.

If completely successful, the treatment, still at an experimental stage, could benefit millions of people worldwide. For some, it would mean an end to wearing glasses or contact lenses.

Specialists at a London hospital are at the forefront of international research into the safety and efficacy of the equipment, called an excimer laser.

They are collaborating with scientists in West Germany who have just completed a clinical trial in which a small group of volunteers underwent the operation on both eyes.

Unlike conventional thermal lasers, the latest device, developed in the United States, does not cut tissue by generating heat, but by a photo-chemical reaction.

High-energy ultraviolet photons are produced which separate the chemical bonds holding the tissue together, in a technique called photo-ablative keratectom.

The laser is used for as little as 30 seconds in an operation lasting about half an hour under local anaesthetic.

After laser treatment, the eye has to be bandaged for one or two days to allow healing of the epithelium, or top surface layer of the cornea.

The technique is being seen by ophthalmologists as a significant advance on the surgical procedure, radial keratotomy, pioneered in the Soviet Union.

In this treatment, a dozen cuts are made in the cornea to flatten it and reduce short-sightedness.

Professor Theo Seiler, professor of ophthalmology at the Free University of Berlin, says 10 myopic volunteers who he operated on may have no further need of spectacles or contact lenses.

However, experts are not convinced of the long-term effects of the technique. In some earlier cases, haziness of the cornea has been detected and has taken months to clear.

Another complication in early trials has been regression, or thickening of the epithelium during its regrowth. However, researchers believe these problems can be overcome.

The British research is being carried out at St Thomas's Hospital, London, by a team of three: Malcolm Kerr Muir, a consultant ophthalmologist; Professor John Marshall, scientific director of the project; and David Gartry, an Iris Fund research fellow.

They were the first in the world to begin treating patients with the laser to remove superficial irregularities on the cornea which cause impaired vision.

Plans have been made to use the laser later this year for the treatment of short-sightedness in a controlled trial involving a small group of volunteers.

"It is exciting, but we have to establish whether it is safe, whether it causes scarring, and whether the induced change in the cornea is stable," Kerr Muir says. "Until we can guarantee its benefits, we think it is unethical to talk about the treatment becoming widely available. It must be regarded as an experimental procedure at this stage."

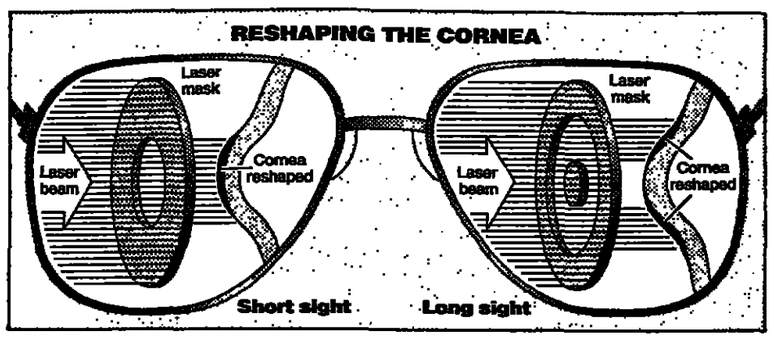
Despite this cautious approach, several technology companies which produce the equipment in the United States, Japan and Europe are eager to capture a share of what they see as a huge international market.

One of the companies, Summit Technology, of Watertown, Massachusetts, provided the equipment for the St Thomas's project and for the work in Berlin.

Last week the company announced the successful completion of Professor Seiler's trials involving 10 patients. The company has received approval from the US Food and Drug Administration to conduct trials in America for the correction of short-sightedness and to go ahead with plans for the treatment of glaucoma.

Use of the laser is likely to be restricted to hospitals, although there will be a demand for it by opticians. Kerr Muir says he does not expect the technique to provoke strong opposition from makers of spectacles and contact lenses. "Not everyone will be suitable for the operation, and not all of those who could have it will want it."

He could not say whether the technique was likely to be available on the National Health Service, or only as a private treatment.



As the world's newest satellite rebounds off Venus on its way to Jupiter, a veteran of the cosmos is fascinating US scientists

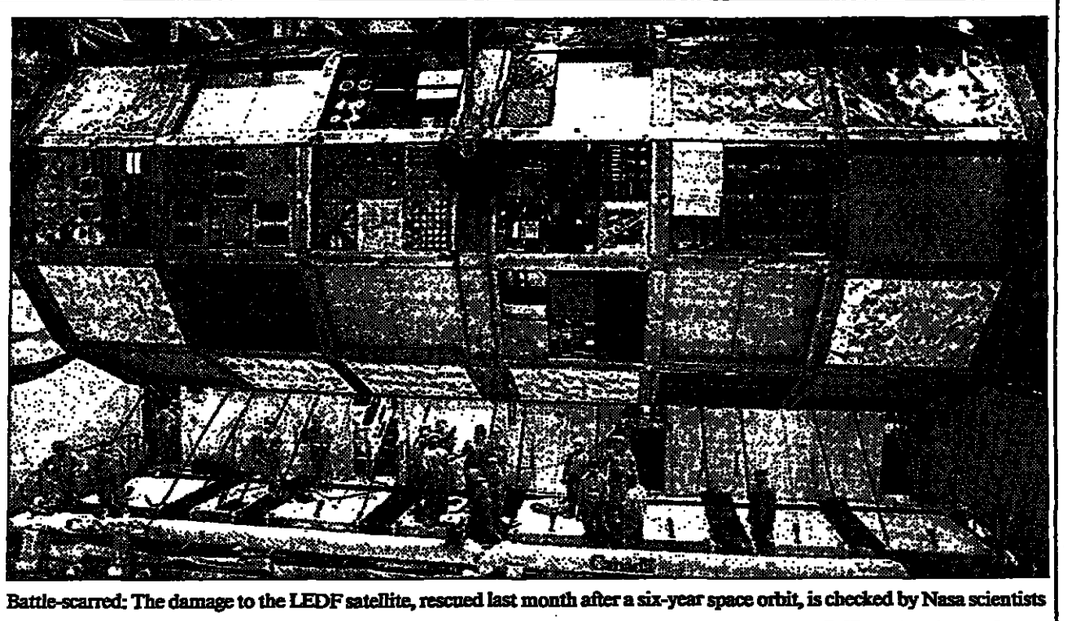
Probes in space

Kickback: Galileo uses Venus to bounce off, heading to Jupiter

While the world's most sophisticated spacecraft is about to use Venus as a planetary sling-shot, scientists are busy examining the battered satellite that was brought home.

The Galileo probe (left), launched by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (Nasa) last year, will tomorrow fly close to Venus, using its gravity to bounce back towards the Earth on its way to Jupiter. At the same time, Nasa scientists at the Kennedy Space Centre (right) are eagerly examining the battered 11-tonne Long Duration Exposure Facility satellite (LDEF) rescued by a space shuttle last month, hoping its condition after six years in space will help them design longer-lasting spacecraft.

The $1.4 billion (£825 million) Galileo heads for Venus, a planet which suffered its own runaway greenhouse effect, on an indirect journey to Jupiter.



Battle-scarred: The damage to the LEDF satellite, rescued last month after a six-year space orbit, is checked by Nasa scientists

It will scan the Venusian atmosphere as it flies within 6,200 miles of the cloud tops, before using the planet's gravity to send it back towards Earth.

It will need to fly past Earth twice for a gravity "kick" big enough to send it towards Jupiter, a necessary move because the craft's rocket booster is not powerful enough for a direct route.

The second Earth flyby, on December 8, 1992, will be at an altitude of less than 200 miles and a velocity of some 31,500 mph.

Shortly before reaching Jupiter in 1995, Galileo will release a small probe that will parachute into the giant planet's atmosphere before the main spacecraft goes into orbit for a 20-month survey of what amounts to a miniature solar system.

Galileo will also make repeated close flybys of Jupiter's four brightest moons, Europa, Ganymede, Callisto and Io, where bizarre volcanoes spew clouds of sulphur into space. Scientists hope stormy Jupiter will reveal clues about the origin of our solar system.

JOBSCENE

Training shock

School-leavers and the unemployed wanting to acquire skills in information technology face a bleaker future since a decision by the National Computing Centre (NCC) to withdraw from the Government's Employment Training (ET) and Youth Training (YT) schemes.

Companies wanting IT staff tend to hire only those with previous experience or a recognized qualification, making it difficult for school-leavers to get the first job.

The NCC, with funding assistance from the Government and business support, has trained more than 15,000 students in IT skills since 1976. Students successfully completing the course gained the respected NCC Threshold certificate.

The NCC says more than 80 per cent of its students found employment after completing the course and a further 10 per cent went on to higher educaton.

The NCC's decision to quit follows the withdrawal of BOC Training Services a month ago and reduces considerably the number of high-quality IT training-providers taking part in government schemes.

"People wanting to get into IT face a bleak future now the NCC has also quit," Howard Wright, BOC's managing director, says. "It is a big problem."

The Government has mounted a stout defence of the training schemes. It says the industry must stop relying on grants and do more training.

But the NCC and BOC say they were forced to withdraw because the amount of money paid by the Training Agency for every student is too low to be of any use to students. Wright says BOC used to be paid more than £100 a week for every student but this was reduced to less than £20, although, with extra grants, it can rise to £40.

It is not enough because computer equipment is costly and IT tutors expect high salaries. BOC, which was forced to cut the length of its courses by half to meet the reduced funding levels, found that job placement rates fell by the same amount.

Richard Firth, the NCC's training director, says the NCC could not afford to continue to lose money on the training schemes. He adds that other training companies are using inexperienced tutors with little teaching or IT knowledge. Students should look carefully at companies offering training. Wright says it is important to verify how many attendees at previous intakes found jobs and to consider the standard of training.

School-leavers wanting to pick up IT skills may have to consider paying for courses themselves, although the NCC and BOC are against this because there is little guarantee that companies that do the hiring will recognize the validity of the course.

BOC will help those wanting to enter the profession. Hopefuls can take its free psychometric aptitude test.

Leslie Tilley

Computers have a word for it

The translator's workload is being electronically eased

A computer gadget which instantly translates handy holiday phrases into French has become this year's gift for the person who has everything. The gadget's usefulness may be questionable, but it demonstrates the possibilities of computerized translation.

The technology for complete computer translation was developed in the 1950s, but these systems are only now coming into their own as demand for translation increases and computers become sophisticated enough to provide a useful service.

The European Commission, for example, translates about a million pages of information from countries within the EC every year. It has an army of 1,100 translators, and a computerized machine translation system which, last year, handled about 2,000 pages a month.

Computers are fast, but their use in the highly skilled work of translation often means a drop in quality. Where the need for style and expression is paramount, translators will be required for a long time yet. However, electronic systems are now almost as good at translating lengthy technical documents full of factual information.

Transtelex, a London translation agency, is working with a system developed by Tovna, an Israeli company. Charles Jamieson, a Transtelex director, believes the system will allow the company to translate between eight and 10 times as much material as translators can normally handle.

"The benefit of machine translation is speed. It will get between 85 per cent and 90 per cent right," Jamieson says. Transtelex's system will translate English, French and Russian. The company is also working on Italian and Spanish, and is looking for a partner in Japan.

Prices start at about $3,000 (£1,800) a month for a software licence for two or three users and one language pair.

According to Jamieson, it takes about six months to train operators and build up the dictionaries at the heart of the system. "Grammar and syntax aren't the most important aspects of the system. What we can do is build up specialist subject areas with lexicons and glossaries, making the system particularly good for highly technical subjects," he says.

Ami Segal, executive vice-president of Tovna, says: "Every mistake can be corrected and added to the lexicon, so the more you work with the system, the more it improves."

Similar commercial systems are available from a handful of US, Japanese and European suppliers, most notably Logos in the US, Fujitsu in Japan and Siemens in West Germany. Some are little more than word-matching systems, although recent developments include elements of artificial intelligence which allow the software to develop knowledge.

The commission has been building up its Systran machine translation system since 1976 and is the largest user of translation services on the continent. Seven language pairs are already in use. Five EC languages are being worked on and there are plans to add a further four. The commission has about 500 terminals in Luxembourg and Brussels, giving users direct access to raw translations of documents from other EC states.

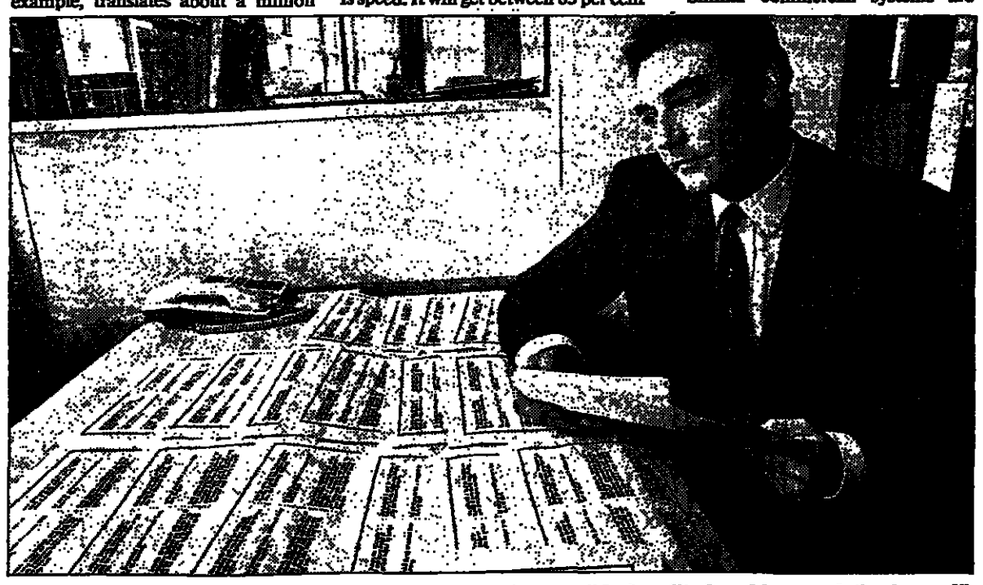
The system can handle up to 10 pages a minute and the translations, while imperfect, give the gist of what is written. Systran is unsuitable for documents such as legal contracts unless they have also been worked on by a translator.

Besides the practical application of Systran, the EC is involved in the Eurotra research project. This aims to go beyond dictionary-based systems, and define linguistic modules which could form the building blocks of translation machines able to handle all EC languages — a total of 72 pairs.

The British universities involved in the project are Umist in Manchester, and Essex.

Umist also has a number of contracts to research translation systems for commercial companies. Professor Juan Carlos Sayer, head of linguistics and languages at the university, says: "Anything with commercial value, urgency and volume is a suitable area for machine translation. It means you could read what the Chinese and Russians wrote yesterday, if only in rough form."

The possibilities of computer translation are only beginning to be realized, but none of the experts are predicting the demise of the translator. "You don't cut people's feet off because you have invented the motor car," Sager says.



Fast and fluent at languages: Charles Jamieson of Transtelex says "the benefit of machine translation is speed"

BRIEFING

Into the sky's hole

An unmanned aircraft that will fly through the hole in the ozone layer above the South Pole is being developed by American scientists. The battery-powered craft, which will be controlled by a computer, will make its first flight to gather information this autumn. According to Professor James Anderson, who teaches atmospheric chemistry at Harvard University and is involved in the project, the craft will fly up to 85,000ft above Antarctica. Sixty per cent of the ozone layer of the South Pole has been depleted, Anderson says. Because ozone blocks ultra-violet radiation, the damage could lead to higher levels of skin cancer, eye problems and damaged food crops.

Smoke ring

Doctors in Sweden say they have found a strong link between cigarette smoking and sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) — deaths with no known cause in infants aged from one to six months. In a study covering 280,000 births between 1983 and 1985, Dr Bengt Haglund and Dr Sven Cnattingius attributed 50 of the 190 deaths from SIDS to smoking by mothers during pregnancy. They said a pregnant woman who smoked heavily (more than 10 cigarettes a day) tripled the risk of losing an infant to SIDS.

Held in check

The former world chess champion, Anatoly Karpov, beat the world's best chess-playing computer program last week in a match that lasted two hours. Karpov had only 45 seconds left on his chess clock when the computer, known as Deep Thought, resigned. "When I looked at the time, I was nervous. I had less than a minute. Of course, in chess you can do 50 moves in one minute. At certain moments the computer was all right, but it made some strange moves." Deep Thought, which can examine 750,000 moves per second, was being run on an IBM mainframe.

Roving eyes

Researchers at Bristol University are investigating whether advances in robot computer vision can be used to help the blind. The team has built a small robot vehicle, which uses "stereo" video cameras linked to a computer and can navigate itself along roads and pathways at walking pace or faster. Dr Barry Thomas, a senior lecturer in the computer science department, believes the vision system could be adapted to provide navigational clues for the blind. He is leading a team of computer specialists, engineers, mathematicians and a psychologist in a £5,000 feasibility study funded by the Bristol Royal Society for the Blind.

IBM's new line

IBM is to sell a new type of software for its personal computers and a new line of work stations designed to make them easier to use. The software, developed by the Californian company Next, uses a simple set of commands to operate a computer and to help customers create new programs using a hand-held mouse pointing device that can select different parts of a new program. Next, which produces advanced personal computers, was started by Steven Jobs, co-founder of Apple. The software marks the first time IBM has used "object-oriented programming", a technique that provides pre-programmed blocks of computer code to build up new programs. It will be made available for IBM's PS/2 range and a new work station, due to be announced next Thursday.

Matthew May

New British spider weaves its way into official list

A new spider is set this year to be added to the offical list of creepy crawlies resident of Britain. *Steatoda nobilis* (pictured right and left), has become so entrenched that spider scientists believe it must now be accepted as a British species, (*Nick Nuttall writes*).

Rowley Snazell, an arachnologist with the Institute of Terrestrial Ecology (ITE) in Furzebrook, Dorset, and Dick Jones, one of the country's leading spider experts, are to submit a scientific paper to the *Bulletin of the British Arachnological Society* to formalize its status, swelling the ranks of listed species to 640.

Strongholds have now been confirmed in the Portsmouth and Swanage areas with the arachnid having been spotted in houses, gardens and on stone walls, distinguished by its unusual web. Exactly how the species, indigenous to the hot climates of Portugal, Maderia and the Canary Islands, made it to Britain, and survived icy winters, is unknown.

The female has a body about 13mm long, the male 10mm, and both have distinctive brown, yellow and white marbled backs.

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SCIENCE REPORT

Physics in the balance

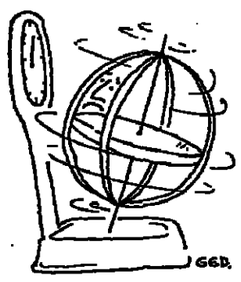
Physicists alarmed by a recent report of a gyroscope that appeared to lose weight when it was spinning can rest easy, says Professor Stephen Salter of Edinburgh University in today's *Nature*. Far from defying the laws of gravity and motion, it was probably due to a conspiracy of engineering difficulties.

Japanese scientists, H. Hayasaka and S. Takeuchi, from Tohoku University, reported late last year that the weight of their gyroscopes decreased as the rate of rotation increased (*Science Report Jan 2*).

The gyroscopes were made of an electric motor, a small flywheel, and a supporting frame. Identical measurements were obtained on two different weighing machines, a mechanical balance with the gyroscopes in one weighing pan and standard weights in the other, and an electronic balance.

To complicate matters further, the loss of weight was observed only when the flywheels were spun clockwise.

Salter, an engineer at Edinburgh University, suggests that the puzzle can be



solved by considering the weighing machines. Both the mechanical and the electronic balance find the weight by exerting a force on the weighing pan so as to return it exactly to the "null" position.

In the mechanical balance, this force is supplied by the reference weights in the other pan; in the other balance the force is generated electromagnetically, and controlled by electronic sensors and circuits. And to prevent the sensitive mechanism from oscillating, a small frictional "damping" force acts to bring the balance to rest and permit a reading to be taken.

Herein lies the problem. The balance works perfectly if the object being weighed is not moving. But a gyroscope moves: as the flywheel rotates, imperfections in the bearings cause it to shake.

Indeed, the two Japanese scientists measured the vibrations as part of their experiment, and from the values they give, Salter suggests that transient forces that come and go during each cycle of vibration could be as much as 200 times greater than the force that corresponds to the claimed change in weight.

Clearly, vibration should not be ignored, especially as it is noticeably different for clockwise and anticlockwise rotation. This is not quite the whole story. Over one cycle of vibration, the transient upward and downward forces that the gyroscope exerts on the weighing pan must cancel.

But if the damping force in the balance is not quite equal in the upwards and downwards directions, then the interaction of the vibration and the damping need not cancel, meaning that the null position for the rotating gyroscope would not be the same as the null position for the same gyroscope when it was not rotating.

Roland Pease

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Your number's up

A new telephone service being considered for use in Britain could end nuisance calls. But will it threaten our privacy in other ways? Matthew May reports

A controversial new telephone service, which provides subscribers with the phone number of anyone calling them, is being investigated by the British Government.

The caller identification service has been introduced in several American states during the past year, resulting in fierce debate between people who believe it helps prevent obscene calls and false alarms, and civil liberties groups, which claim it is an invasion of privacy.

John Patten, Home Office minister, said last week that the Government would investigate the use of caller identification services as a way of limiting obscene phone calls.

In reponse to a Commons written question from Alun Michael, the Labour MP for Cardiff South and Penarth, Patten said the Goverment was waiting on publication of a report on the service by the University of New Jersey before making its decision.

The Government is also considering a proposal from the Hull Safer Cities project for Hull-based telephone operator, Kingston Communications, to operate a tracing system for malicious calls.

In Britain, caller identification is being presented as a potential solution to the problem of obscene telephone calls, particularly those made from private numbers. However, the service has many other implications.

Kingston Communications describes its planned system as "highly sensitive" and has refused to comment further.

Caller identification was pioneered more than a year ago in New Jersey. Almost 50,000 people now pay £4 a month and £50 for a unit which sits under the phone and displays the number of anyone dialling through one of the many digital exchanges connected to the service.

Additional services include a memory of the last 30 numbers which had called — whether the calls were answered or not — and a program which handles known numbers and switches others to an answering machine.

Last month in Toronto, Northern Telecom introduced the first residential telephone with a built-in liquid crystal display to show callers' numbers. The new phone will be leased through Canadian telephone companies.

'It could cause problems for police who rely on anonymous calls. Also, customers who phone a store don't want their numbers noted'

The new telephones will be especially helpful in reducing, if not eliminating, harassing or offensive calls, says Larry Reist, of Northern Telecom.

Only calls placed through digital exchanges can be traced, however. In Britain, about 10,000 of the 70,000 exchanges could handle the facility if it was introduced now. At first, these would provide call tracing only for calls from the same local exchange.

British Telecom is aware of the arguments surrounding the service.

"These systems are becoming technically feasible and could, theoretically, be introduced locally on digital exchanges now," says Bob Raggett, deputy director of corporate communications for British Telecom.

"Although it can help with one problem (obscene calls), it introduces others," he says. "It could cause problems for the police, for example, who rely on anonymous calls. Similarly, customers who phone a store to see if they have a particular piece of equipment don't want their phone numbers noted."

The use by businesses of caller identification systems to compile lists of potential customers, and the possibility of these being sold to marketing operatio another concern in the

The system also being ex-directory m less. Social workers probation officers wan call clients from hou example, are unhappy ing to reveal their numbers.

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Hot off the fax machine

Soon you may be able to get near-perfect pages of your daily newspaper sent direct

National newspaper readers could soon be taking perfect copies of their favourite dailies off a facsimile machine rather than from the newsagents or news stands.

A world first in satellite broadcasting has been developed in Britain which will allow the simultaneous transmission of documents to millions of people across Europe in less than a minute.

Companies or organizations wanting to send information by fax spend hours hand-feeding sheets of paper into transmitting machines. Programmable faxes ease the burden, but a target of thousands or millions of people would require hundreds of telephone lines with a fax machine at the end of each line.

Vince Waterson, the inventor of the satellite publishing system, says that to target half a million people using conventional fax technology could require 150 phone lines and take 55 hours — and quality would be poor. But with the broadcast channels, perfect copies could be sent within a minute.

Costs are crucial, with a telephone fax to Paris costing up to 50p and a fax to a subscriber in Britain running at between 8p and 16p a copy. The charge for broadcasting, which can be either via satellite such as British Aerospace's Utelsat 2 or on terrestrial TV channels, would be around 10p.

The same technique, called Faxcast and due to be offically launched next month, is being considered by the Department of Health as a way of communicating vital information instantaneously to regional health authorities, general practitioners and hospitals. It has been designed so that the DoH can immediately alert all GPs in an area if there is a influenza or poisoning outbreak. At present, it can take days before all relevant health professionals are alerted.

Steve Royal, of Data Broadcast Services Ltd, of London, the company behind the Faxcast service, says the system's potential benefits are limitless. Instead of wading through daily papers for subjects of interest, readers could specify extracts from either one newspaper or maybe even a selection of the national dailies.

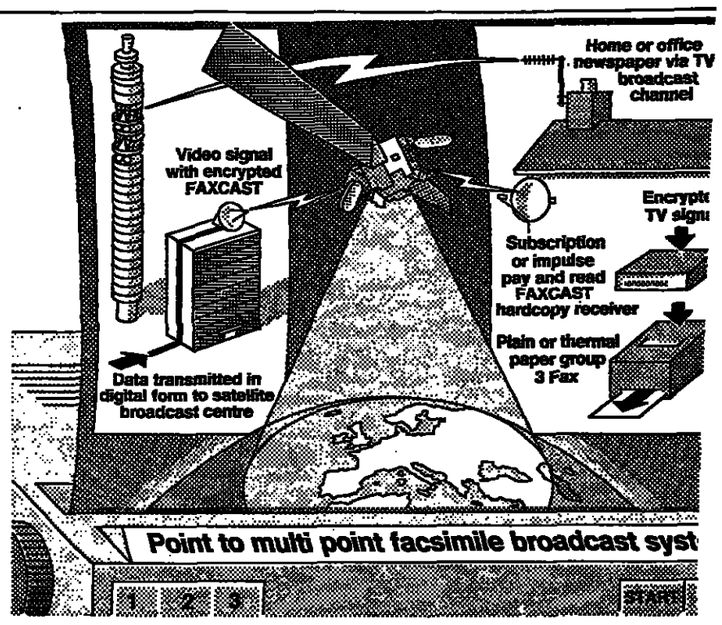
Important to the success of the direct publishing system is the near-perfect quality of reproduction possible from an ordinary fax machine when information is transmitted using broadcast channels.

The use of satellites means that millions of target fax machines can be sent information simultaneously and more cheaply than if transmitted conventionally down a telephone line.

Royal says that his firm, which has been developing the system for more than a year, is set to sign a contract with a big telecommunications company to manufacture and market decoders. This means the service could be available within months.

A pilot study with the DoH is being launched, with decoders in regional health authorities. There are about 1.5 million fax machines in Britain but, with prices expected to continue falling, they are fast becoming affordable for the home. In Japan, the number of household fax machines outstrips those in offices, and a similar trend is expected in Britain as more people begin to work from home.

Nick Nuttall



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Refusal to ban reporting of trial in open court upheld

In re Saunders

Before Lord Justice Russell, Mr Justice Turner and Mr Justice Potts

[Judgment February 7]

The judicial exercise of discretion under section 4(2) of the Contempt of Court Act 1981 could only become an exercise which involved a question of law if it could be demonstrated that the discretion was exercised on a fundamentally flawed basis.

The Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) so held in dismissing an interlocutory appeal brought by Ernest Walter Saunders against the refusal by Mr Justice Henry on February 5, 1990 to order, under section 4(2) of the 1981 Act, that publication of any report of the first trial in open court of criminal proceedings be postponed until the conclusion of a second trial.

Section 4 of the 1981 Act provides: "(2) In any such proceedings the court may, where it appears to be necessary for avoiding a substantial risk of prejudice to the administration of justice in those proceedings, or in any other proceedings pending or imminent, order that the publication of any report of the proceedings, or any part of the proceedings, be postponed for such period as the court thinks necessary for that purpose."

Section 9 of the Criminal Justice Act 1987 provides: "(1) At the preparatory hearing the judge may exercise any of the powers specified in this section.

"(3) He may determine — . . . (b) any question as to the admissibility of evidence; and (c) any other question of law relating to the case.

"(11) An appeal shall lie to the Court of Appeal from any order or ruling of a judge under subsection 3(b) or (c) above. . .",

Mr Richard Ferguson, QC and Mr Antony Shaw for Mr Saunders; Mr John Chadwick, QC and Mrs Barbara Mills, QC, for the prosecution; Mr Michael Beloff, QC and Mr Andrew Nicol for *The Times*, *Financial Times*, *The Independent*, *The Guardian*, *The Daily Telegraph*, BBC, ITN, *Today*, Associated Newspapers Group plc, Express Newspapers Group plc, *The Observer* and the Press Association.

LORD JUSTICE RUSSELL, delivering the judgment of the court, said that two days previously, Mr Justice Henry had refused to make an order under section 4(2) of the 1981 Act in pending trials arising out of the "Guinness affair".

There were two trials pending as a result of an earlier order of Mr Justice Henry severing the indictment. That was as a result of an application by the prosecution who contended that no jury could understand the proceedings if they were to consider the case as it was defined in the original indictment.

As a result of severance, the first trial, due to start next week, was estimated to last four to six months. The second trial, which would take place after an appropriate interval, was estimated to last about four months.

The application to Mr Justice Henry on February 5 was for an order that there be no publication of any material relating to the first trial until after the second trial was concluded.

The argument advanced was that if there were to be publication of the first trial it might be prejudicial to the second trial.

In April 1987 Mr Justice Henry ordered a preparatory hearing under section 7 of the Criminal Justice Act 1987. It was a matter for debate whether an application under section 4(2) of the 1981 Act fell within section 7 of the 1987 Act.

At the heart of the present application, it was submitted that when Mr Justice Henry refused to make the order under the 1981 Act he embarked on an exercise which involved a question of law relating to the case and the consequent determination of that application fell within the terms of section 9 of the Criminal Justice Act 1987.

If, but only if, a determination under section 4 did raise a question of law, there was undoubtedly a right of appeal to the Court of Appeal.

The first hurdle for Mr Ferguson was to bring himself within section 9(11) of the 1987 Act which provided for an appeal to the Court of Appeal from any order or ruling of a judge under section 9(3)(b) or (c).

The judicial exercise of discretion under section 4(2) of the 1981 Act could only become an exercise which involved a question of law if it could be demonstrated that the discretion was exercised on a fundamentally flawed basis. Once the judge had carried out the balancing exercise, the Court of Appeal could not interfere unless the decision was perverse.

Mr Ferguson submitted that the judge had fallen into error, by taking into account the way he had exercised his discretion in severing the indictment, when he had made his determination under section 4.

If that could be demonstrated, their Lordships would be inclined to the view that the decision of Mr Justice Henry was flawed. Their Lordships had read the judgment of Mr Justice Henry.

It was carefully reasoned and the judge came to his conclusion by an appropriate exercise of judicial discretion.

It had not been demonstrated to their Lordships that there was any question of law relating to the case which arose in the judgment.

Lest their Lordships were wrong and there were issues of law, the court was of the view that it had not been demonstrated that Mr Justice Henry fell into error in the way he approached his task.

His Lordship would conclude the judgment by referring to and endorsing what Mr Justice Henry had said: "It would not be right to order reporting restrictions, whether total or partial.

"I arrive at this conclusion on the basis that the reporting will be fair and accurate, and published with proper regard for preserving the fairness of the second trial.

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Misdirection to jury did not cause miscarriage

Regina v Lamb (Charles)

Before Lord Justice Neill, Mr Justice Macpherson and Mr Justice Otton

[Judgment February 5]

On a charge of causing death by reckless driving, although the jury were misdirected in that the summing up did not contain the precise words or words of equivalent force as laid down in the House of Lords for directing juries in such cases, no miscarriage of justice had occurred and the conviction was upheld on appeal.

Charles Roland Lamb, aged 21, a temporary accounts clerk, of Brook Street, Tonbridge, Kent, appealed unsuccessfully against conviction at Maidstone Crown Court (Judge Russell-Vick, QC and a jury) of causing the death of Joanne Elizabeth Titmas in September 1988 by driving a 1978 estate car at Tonbridge on Hadlow Road, which was wet, recklessly, contrary to section 1 of the Road Traffic Act 1972.

He was sentenced to nine months detention in a young offender institution, was disqualified for four years and was ordered to pay £235 costs. On appeal against sentence, the costs order was quashed.

The prosecution case was that the car carried eight people, the appellant, a front seat passenger, four women on the back seat and two younger girls, including the victim, in the luggage compartment.

Evidence from some of the passengers was that the appellant was moving the steering wheel back and forth and he was told to stop mucking about. The driver of a following vehicle saw the car swerving from side to side, straighten and swerve some 90 degrees across the road, mount the pavement and collide with two trees.

The victim was thrown from the car and died later.

The appellant denied the offence. His case was that he braked and was trying to control the car.

Mr William McCormick, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Keith Simpson for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE NEILL, giving the judgment of the court, said that the first ground of appeal against conviction, based on a complaint about the judge's direction to the jury concerning the transcript of a tape-recorded interview, did not amount to a material irregularity and did not render the conviction unsafe or unsatisfactory.

The second ground of appeal was based on the judge's direction about the constituents of the offence charged. He said: "To establish the offence of causing death by reckless driving, you have to be satisfied so you feel sure that the defendant did an act — indeed it may be more than one act but principally an act — which created a risk of causing either damage to property or injury to persons, and further have to prove that that risk would have been obvious to any reasonably prudent driver; as I say, you representing the standard of prudent drivers.

"Further you have to be satisfied that the defendant when he did the act either had given no thought to the possibility of there being any such risk or, knowing that some risk of causing damage to property or injury to persons was involved, nevertheless went on to take it."

Mr McCormick said that the first part of that passage did not comply with the definition of reckless driving set out in a well known passage in the House of Lords by Lord Diplock in *R v Lawrence (Stephen)* ([1981] RTR 217, 229C-E):

"In my view, an appropriate instruction to the jury on what is meant by driving recklessly would be that they must be satisfied of two things:

First, that the defendant was in fact driving the vehicle in such a manner as to create an obvious and serious risk of causing physical injury to some other person who might happen to be using the road or doing substantial damage to property; and

Second, that in driving in that manner the defendant did so without having given any thought to the possibility of there being any such risk or, having recognized that there was some risk involved had none the less gone on to take it."

Mr McCormick pointed to the judge's omission of "serious" risk and, at that stage, of there having to be "substantial" damage to property.

He referred also to *R v Madigan* ([1983] RTR 178, 182C-D), where Mr Justice Stocker, who gave the judgment of the court, said that juries should be given *ipsissimi verba* the direction as set out by Lord Diplock.

More recently, in *R v Khan (Raja)* ([1985] RTR 365), in which Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, gave the judgment of the court, it was held that the omission of the word "obvious" from the direction in regard to the degree of risk amounted to a misdirection in law.

Relying on those authorities and on *R v Reid* (unreported, September 28, 1989, CA), Mr McCormick submitted that, where those necessary ingredients as stated by Lord Diplock were omitted that, by itself, amounted to a misdirection of such seriousness that it constituted a ground of appeal.

In answer Mr Simpson drew their Lordships attention, as had Mr McCormick, to a further passage in the judge's direction, where he, having recited the evidence and made detailed reference to what the Crown and the defence said, went on to say:

"And so there really is the issue in the case. He is a young man who has driven for some two years with a full licence but has driven for longer, who knew this car. The Crown suggest to you that, if he was 'mucking about' in the way that he was with an overloaded vehicle, a vehicle with some slackness in the steering on a wet road, that that was an act that a prudent driver would realise would create a serious risk of causing either injury to persons or damage to property."

Mr Simpson said that the judge's introduction of the word "serious" there was sufficient to cure any error or mistake and that, although the word "substantial" was not used in relation to damage, the case was not one of damage to property and one had to look at such cases against the specific facts of the matter.

Here was an overloaded vehicle on a wet road with eight people on board, where the only issue in the case was whether or not the steering wheel was being pushed to and fro in a manner which some witnesses described as "mucking about".

Their Lordships saw force in the Crown's submissions, but in the light of the authorities which followed Lord Diplock's speech in the House of Lords in *Lawrence*, it was clear that the words used by a judge in his summing up should, as closely as they could, follow the words laid down by Lord Diplock.

They were not statutory words but, in order that the jury could fully appreciate the ingredients of the offence charged, it was right and important that the precise words or words of equivalent force should be used by the judge.

There was a misdirection by the judge in the present case.

It, therefore, became necessary for their Lordships to consider whether it was right to apply the proviso to section 2(1) of the Criminal Appeal Act 1968 and dismiss the appeal on the *ground that no injustice had* occurred.

On that aspect of the case their Lordships had no doubt. On the facts, where the issue was whether or not the steering wheel was being manipulated in the way suggested by the Crown, if the jury concluded, as they plainly did, that that was being done, then there was no miscarriage of justice if the words left out by the judge were omitted.

The risk of injury was obvious in the circumstances and it was plainly a case for application of the proviso. The appeal against conviction was dismissed.

Solicitors: CPS, Maidstone.

Police can use immune documents in preparing defence

Regina v Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis, Ex parte Hart-Leverton

Before Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Nolan

[Judgment February 2]

Although documents obtained in the course of a police complaints investigation and disciplinary hearing were protected from disclosure by public interest immunity, there was no reason why they should not be seen by police legal advisers preparing a defence to civil proceedings brought by the same complainant.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in dismissing an application by Mr Colin Hart-Leverton, QC, for judicial review of a decision of the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis concerning the use of documents which came into police possession pursuant to an investigation under the police complaints procedure.

The documents were used by legal staff in the preparation of a defence to a civil action for damages for malicious prosecution brought by Mr Hart-Leverton.

Mr Richard Clayton for Mr Hart-Leverton; Mr Peter Thompson for the commissioner.

MR JUSTICE NOLAN said that the applicant's concern was the use of information contained in the privileged documents for such purposes as advising on evidence and taking statements from witnesses.

It was said that the commissioner had thereby waived the immunity on the documents and secured an advantage for himself.

However, the course of action employed by the police was supported by the *dictum* in *Alfred Crompton Amusement Machines Ltd v Customs and Excise Commissioners (No 2)* ([1974] AC 405, 434B) where Lord Cross of Chelsea assumed that the protected information would form part of the brief to counsel to make such use of as he thought fit in the arbitration procedure.

The guiding principle of immunity was to ensure that the protected material did not go before the court.

There was nothing in the use made of the documents by the police or their legal advisers which conflicted with the immunity.

Lord Justice Watkins agreed.

Solicitors: Kingsley Napley; Metropolitan Police Solicitor.

Court can intervene before hearing of tribunal

Regina v Attendance Allowance Board, Ex parte Moran

Before Lord Justice Wolff and Mr Justice Pill

[Judgment January 25]

Although it was not appropriate in the normal way for applications to the Queen's Bench Divisional Court to be made to vary or correct proceedings in an administrative body or tribunal prior to a hearing of that body, there could arise circumstances in which the history of the case did make it appropriate for the court to exercise its jurisdiction to interfere in order to avoid the wasted time and expense of a hearing which, if held as proposed, would be tainted.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held when allowing the application of Mrs Dorothy Moran for judicial review of a forthcoming hearing of the Attendance Allowance Board but making no order, for the board would do its utmost to see that the spirit of the judgment was observed.

Mr Richard Drabble for Mrs Moran; Mr Richard Gordon for the board.

LORD JUSTICE WOOLF said Mrs Moran, a married woman of 60, had in April 1983 made an application for an attendance allowance, under the provisions of section 35(1) of the Social Security Act 1975, on account of an epileptic condition from which she had suffered since the age of 17.

Sometimes, due to no one's fault, cases created difficulty after difficulty —resulting in long delays, as here — and created exceptional situations; such was this.

The extent of the problem was indicated by the fact that the application had been considered twice by delegated medical practitioners for the board, three times by the board's full ten members, once by a social security commissioner, once by the tribunal of the social security commissioners and once by the Court of Appeal (*The Times* March 14, 1987). Here it was again.

There was no doubt Mrs Moran was entitled to some attendance allowance and had indeed received some, but what was in dispute was whether she came within the requirements of section 35(1) of the 1975 Act for night-time attendance which, if fulfilled, would require payment of a higher rate.

To qualify under section 35 an applicant had, under subsection (1)(b), to be ". . .so severely disabled physically or mentally that, at night, he requires from another person . . . (ii) continual supervision throughout the night in order to avoid substantial danger to himself or others".

In December 1984 the delegated medical practitioner for the board in his decision rejecting the application accepted that "a risk of substantial danger attends any and every fit which is accompanied by loss of consciousness and during her fits Mrs Moran requires supervision in order to avoid such a possibility".

He further expressed what was again the accepted view that a person who might have to intervene in the event of an attack should not "be regarded as exercising continual supervision between attacks. . .".

The appeal to the commissioner was rejected but the Court of Appeal reversed his decision on the basis that a person available to intervene during a fit was, where the fits occurred, as they did in this case, without warning, supervising throughout.

This case was before the court only incidentally since the application was for judicial review in two forms: (i) the quashing of the of the board's decison, which it was alleged had been taken in the letter of May 10, and (ii) relief in the form of an order, effectively of discovery.

Following the Court of Appeal decision Mrs Moran might reasonably have expected her application to proceed successfully.

However, on May 19, 1987 she received a letter from the secretary of the board indicating a preliminary view, that the board had departed from the views formerly expressed in that it now had "looked carefully at the risk of substantial danger to yourself . . . at night. They have noted in particular, the growing body of recent medical evidence and opinion which holds that the risk of substantial danger from night-time attacks is a remote possibility".

The board was asked for documents showing the "growing body of . . . evidence and opinion" and responded with an illustrative list of a number of studies which it said reflected the general state of medical opinion. The documents dated from 1954 to 1975.

The board's decision in January 1988 went against Mrs Moran and was appealed to a social security commissioner and overturned by the tribunal of the commissioners on points of law, one being that giving incomplete information was misleading and a breach of the rules of natural justice.

It was fully accepted that in the normal way it was not appropriate for an application of this sort to be made at this stage.

Although a decision ultimately tainted could be dealt with by the commissioners, as it had been in this case, the Divisional Court nevertheless had a residual discretion to interfere which could be usefully exercised where in a hearing there would be a breach of the rules of natural justice.

By coming to court an extended hearing which would otherwise be tainted and the expense of it might be avoided.

What justified such interference would depend on the history of the case. Because of the way that the board was constituted and worked, some of the same members would be hearing the matter again, the chairman would be the same and the board's neurologist would be the same.

In a letter from the board on May 10 it was said that further disclosure of the material which had led to their change of view was unnecessary since the hearing coming up was to be a fresh hearing and the board did not intend to rely on any specific material.

However, in his Lordship's opinion the earlier material considered by the same people must remain in their minds if only as background material.

It was unusual that the board had changed its views and Mrs Moran was entitled to know what was the reason for that change of view.

Solicitors: Mr Nicholas J. Warren, Birkenhead; Treasury Solicitor.

Payment in lieu is not 'wages'

Delaney v R. J. Staples (t/a De Montfort Recruitment)

Before Mr Justice Wood, Mr T. S. Batho and Mr A. C. Blyghton

[Judgment February 5]

A payment in lieu of notice was not "wages" within the Wages Act 1986 and an employee whose cheque for payment in lieu of notice had been stopped by her employer, because he thought she was leaving with confidential information, could not make a complaint to an industrial tribunal under section 5 of the 1986 Act but would have to bring an action in the county court for breach of contract.

The Employment Appeal Tribunal so held when dismissing an appeal by Miss Mary Delaney from a decision of a Leicester industrial tribunal in February 1989 that they had no jurisdiction to hear her claim for pay in lieu of notice against her employer, Mr R. J. Staples, (trading as De Montfort Recruitment).

She had appealed on the grounds that the industrial tribunal ought to have found that section 7 of the 1986 Act was expressed in terms wide enough to include any sums payable to a worker in connection with his employment.

The employer had cross-appealed from the tribunal's decision that the sums representing commission and holiday pay not paid to the employee were "deductions" within the meaning of section 8(3) of the 1986 Act.

Section 7 of the 1986 Act provides: "(1) In this Part 'wages', in relation to a worker, means any sum payable to the worker by his employer in connection with his employment, including (a) any fee, bonus, commission, holiday pay or other emolument referable to his employment, whether payable under his contract or otherwise . . . but excluding any payments falling within subsection (2).

"(2) Those payments are . . . (c) any payment by way of pension, allowance or gratuity in connection with the worker's retirement or as compensation for loss of office."

Section 8 provides: "(3) Where the total amount of wages . . . is less than the total amount of the wages that are properly payable . . . then, . . . the amount of the deficiency shall be treated . . . as a deduction made by the employer from the worker's wages. . .".

Mr Martin Westgate for the employee; the employer did not appear and was not represented.

MR JUSTICE WOOD said that the employee was summarily dismissed. She was given a cheque for £82 which she was told was payment in lieu of notice, but the cheque was subsequently stopped.

On the date of her leaving, it was conceded that she was entitled to commission and holiday pay totalling £55. An industrial tribunal found that the payment of £82 in lieu of notice was not "wages" within the Act but that the sum of £55 was an unlawful deduction and should be paid.

Counsel for the employee conceded that at common law a payment in lieu of notice was recognized as being damages for breach of contract. However, he contended that on the wording of section 7(1)(a) of the Act a payment in lieu of notice fell within the definition of wages.

The appeal tribunal disagreed. A wage was a payment by an employer to a worker in consideration of services which he had provided. It was a fixed and ascertainable sum to which a worker had a conclusive right. All the types of wages specified in subsection 1(a) were of that nature.

The definition of worker in section 8(1) reinforced that view. A wage was something due under a contract such as described in section 8(2).

That was to be contrasted with a payment in lieu of notice which in some cases could be payable under the express terms of a contract, but in the more usual situation was payable for breach of contract.

It was a sum which if not paid was only recoverable by suing for breach of the contract to give notice and to allow an employee to earn his wage during such notice periods. It was damages and not unpaid wages. The industrial tribunal were correct.

On the cross-appeal against the tribunal's finding that a payment owed by way of commission and holiday pay was a deduction, it was argued that there was nothing from which those payments were deductible therefore they could not be deductions.

In *Barlow v A. J. Whittle (t/a Micro Management)* (*The Times* January 12), the Employment Appeal Tribunal had expressed the view that section 8 was not intended to give industrial tribunals jurisdiction to make awards for the non-payment of wages.

The appeal would be dismissed and the cross-appeal allowed.

Solicitors: Ms Vereena Jones, Leicester.

Guilty plea ineffective in another's case

Regina v Turpin

Where two or more defendants were charged with an offence which involved necessarily their complicity, one with the other, it might be desirable that the jury should be told that a plea of guilty by one was ineffective evidentially so far as another was concerned.

However, no authority supported the proposition that in all cases it was essential for a judge, where a plea of guilty was tendered by a co-defendant, to direct the jury that that plea played no part in the trial process. Indeed it might be, given appropriate circumstances, that a plea of guilty on behalf of one defendant could be of positive assistance to another defendant thereafter pleading not guilty.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Russell, Mr Justice Turner and Mr Justice Potts) so stated on February 5, when dismissing the appeal of Gary Turpin against his conviction on April 14, 1989 in Manchester Crown Court (Judge Gerrard and a jury) of violent disorder. He was sentenced to 18 months imprisonment.

LORD JUSTICE RUSSELL said that there was no validity in the point argued on the appeal that the judge had erred in failing to direct the jury that the fact that co-defendants had pleaded guilty was not evidence against the appellant.

All procedural undertakings for orders must be scrupulously honoured

Manor Electronics Ltd and Another v Dickson and Others

In re Knight and Others, practising as Dibb & Clegg, Barnsley

Before Mr Justice Scott

[Judgment February 1]

The same criterion of professional negligence applied either under the court's inherent jurisdiction or Order 62, rule 11 of the Rules of the Supreme Court before it would exercise its power to order a solicitor personally to pay the costs of a successful litigant; in either case, there had to be a serious dereliction of duty, causative of wasted or additional costs.

It had to be understood by all practitioners to be important that procedural undertakings included in *ex parte* orders should be scrupulously honoured.

Mr Justice Scott, Vice-Chancellor of the County Palatine of Lancaster, so held in the Chancery Division in dismissing an application by the fifth defendant, Dychem International (UK) Ltd for an order that Mrs Gillian Ann Knight and seven others, being the solicitors for the plaintiffs, Manor Electronics Ltd and Manor Production Products Ltd, in their action against John Dickson, Patrick Wareham, Frank Ian Smith, Ian Pinder, the employees, and Dychem, should pay the costs ordered to be paid to Dychem by the plaintiffs in that action.

The grounds of the application were that Mrs Knight had in that action either failed to act with reasonable competence and expedition or had been guilty of misconduct.

Order 62, rule 11 provides: "(1) . . . where it appears to the court that costs have been incurred unreasonably or improperly in any proceedings or have been wasted by failure to conduct proceedings with reasonable competence and expedition, the court may — (a) order . . . (ii) the solicitor personally to indemnify [other parties to the proceedings] against costs payable by them. . .

"(4) . . . before an order may be made under paragraph (1)(a) of this rule the court shall give the solicitor a reasonable opportunity to appear and show cause why an order should not be made."

Miss Christine Fellner for Dychem; Mr William D. Ainger (who did not appear in the main action) for the respondent solicitors.

MR JUSTICE SCOTT said that on October 27, 1987 the plaintiffs, prior to issuing a writ, had applied *ex parte* to Sir Frederick Lawton, sitting as a judge of the High Court, for interlocutory relief, their complaint being that the employees, while serving the plaintiffs, had conspired to go into competition with them and were, in their new employment with Dychem, making improper use of confidential information.

On the usual plaintiffs' undertakings, both as to damages and as to the issue and service of a writ "forthwith", the judge had granted an appropriate injunction until November 4, restraining the defendants from parting with possession of or destroying various categories of documents and ordering the disclosure of their whereabouts and their delivery-up within 24 hours.

The writ had been issued on October 29 but, in breach of the undertaking, not served upon Dychem until November 3.

Before then, at a second *ex parte* hearing the judge had made two Anton Piller orders, both of which were executed. In addition, the plaintiffs undertook to serve on the defendants "forthwith" copies of exhibits to an affidavit sworn by Mrs Knight; but those were not served until 2 November.

Mrs Knight, the partner dealing with the matter, had told counsel she had no previous experience of intellectual property litigation or of Anton Piller orders and had relied on him to advise upon and draft all the necessary documents.

On November 6, 1987 applications by the defendants to discharge the interlocutory orders, and by the plaintiffs to continue them, had come before his Lordship — the most serious ground supporting the former being the plaintiffs' failure to disclose to the judge their financial position, although recent accounts, showing a substantial excess of current liabilities over current assets and a questionable balance sheet solvency, had been available.

In addition, the plaintiffs had been unable to identify any categories of information that would, consistently with the decision of the Court of Appeal in *Faccenda Chicken Ltd v Fowler* ([1987] Ch 117), have justified protection against use by the employees. He had accordingly discharged those orders.

The plaintiffs' counsel had immediately sought leave to withdraw the motion, and discontinued the action; and an order had followed for the payment by them of Dychem's costs.

Within a year both plaintiffs had gone into liquidation, with those costs (estimated at £1,000) unpaid, a deficiency of nearly £160,000, and nothing available for non-preferential creditors.

Dychem now applied by notice of motion for an order against Dibb & Clegg that they should pay both those costs and the damages covered by the plaintiffs' undertaking.

The latter was sought under the inherent jurisdiction of the court, as exemplified by *Myers v Elman* ([1940] AC 282); the former, additionally under Order 62, rule 11.

Counsel for Dibb & Clegg had, rightly, accepted that the court's inherent jurisdiction was capable of extending to both the present claims.

Three issues arose:

1 Did the same criterion apply to the exercise of the court's inherent jurisdiction and to the making of an order under Order 62, rule 11?

2 Had Mrs Knight's conduct satisfied the requisite criterion or criteria?

3 In so far as it did, had such conduct caused any additional costs?

1 The criteria

In *Myers v Elman* ([1940] AC 282, 290, 292) Viscount Maugham had commented that previous cases "did not depend on disgraceful or dishonourable conduct but on negligence of a serious character, the result of which was to cause useless costs to other parties", and that the court's inherent jurisdiction "ought to be exercised only when there has been established a serious dereliction of duty as a solicitor".

That had been generally accepted as succinctly expressing the requisite criterion.

The present Rule of the Supreme Court had come into effect in 1986, and as to whether it had established a different criterion, two recent decisions of the Court of Appeal were in conflict.

First was *Sinclair-Jones v Kay* ([1989] 1 WLR 114, 121, 122) which was disapproved in *McGoldrick & Co v Crown Prosecution Service* (*The Times* November 15, 1989).

Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, delivering the judgment of the court in *McGoldrick*, said: "Order 62, rule 11 is . . . nothing more than the machinery for implementing the inherent jurisdiction. It is not an alternative basis for exercising the jurisdiction."

In dealing with the facts of the appeals before that court, Lord Lane applied a test which could properly be described as a serious dereliction of the solicitors' duty to the court — something more than mere error of judgment.

McGoldrick was authority for saying that:

(a) The jurisdiction under which solicitors could be ordered to pay costs was the inherent jurisdiction involved in *Myers v Elman*;

(b) In so far as *Sinclair-Jones v Kay* held that *Myers v Elman* principles were inapplicable to applications for costs under Order 62, rule 11, it was wrongly decided;

(c) The conduct which might give rise to an order for payment by a solicitor of costs had to be a serious dereliction of duty, not some lesser impropriety.

In his Lordship's judgment the system of judicial precedent required him to follow *McGoldrick*'s case — from which could also be derived a point on causation, since Lord Lane had stated that "in order for the court to make an order against a solicitor, the unnecessary expenditure of costs must be caused by his act or default". That emphasized the compensatory purpose that underlay the exercise of that jurisdiction.

2 Did the solicitors' conduct satisfy the criteria?

The failures to serve the writ and the exhibits "forthwith", neither had been very serious: but each and every undertaking exacted from a plaintiff as a condition of the grant of *ex parte* relief was exacted to protect the interests of a (usually absent and unrepresented) defendant. Mrs Knight's explanations could be accepted as truthful but not as exculpatory.

It was important, and had to be understood by all practising solicitors and barristers to be important, that procedural undertakings included in *ex parte* orders should be scrupulously honoured: ignorance and convenience were no excuse.

In each instance there had been a serious dereliction of Mr Knight's duty, in failing to ensure that they were honoured.

As to her failure to disclose the plaintiffs' accounts and financial position to the court, Mrs Knight's answer had been her reliance on counsel, who had not raised any point as to financial stability with her or with the clients.

It had not occurred to her that they might not be able to honour their undertakings.

The final complaint was that she had failed to take sufficiently detailed instructions so as to identify the confidential information that might properly be the subject of an interlocutory injunction — because had she done so, it would have become apparent, as it did at the hearing, that such information could not be adequately identified.

Here, too, Mrs Knight's answer was that she had relied on counsel and had no reason to question his drafts or advice. Had he asked her to take further instructions, she would have done so.

His Lordship accepted that a solicitor owed a duty to the client and to the court to bring an independent mind to bear on the problems of the litigation, but those involving the misuse of confidential information and Anton Piller orders were for specialists.

Perhaps one of the major justifications for a divided profession was that solicitors like Mrs Knight could act in a specialist case with the assistance of specialist counsel. In instructing and relying on counsel as she had, she was making a normal and proper use of the Bar.

Whether counsel's failure to advert to the plaintiffs' financial position had been negligent was not before his Lordship but it would almost always be prudent for that to be done, unless the identity of the litigant made the inquiry pointless.

That Mrs Knight had no knowledge of the plaintiffs' financial circumstances had not been challenged, nor her choice of counsel.

Her failure to raise those circumstances with the clients or with counsel of her own motion could not be described as "serious dereliction of duty".

Her failure to take more detailed instructions on the nature of the plaintiffs' confidential information could not be described as a breach of duty at all.

The *Faccenda Chicken* case demonstrated that that specialist subject required, *par excellence*, specialist advice.

3 Causation

His Lordship thought that neither procedural breach by Mrs Knight had caused any increase in costs, or wasted any, or caused any extra damage to Dychem.

If there had been even a fair likelihood of any of those he would have made a compensatory order. As his Lordship did not, Dychem's application was dismissed.

But so as to signal the seriousness of those two breaches, he would order Dychem to pay no more than three-quarters of the respondent firm's costs.

Solicitors: Alsop Wilkinson; Willey Hargrave, Leeds.

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CRICKET: SHORTAGE OF FAST MEN MAY FORCE GATTING TO GAMBLE

Legacy of Packer a monstrous illusion

From John Woodcock
Sydney

A weather forecast for "cloudy periods and scattered showers" produced another five inches of rain here yesterday, which washed the third and last Test match between Australia and Pakistan further down the drain. The sides will have to return this morning, though, to be ready to play the extra day that was added to the match last Monday.

It might be as well for the International Cricket Council to lay down guidelines, which it would be simple enough to do, as to when, how and whether Test matches may be extended in the event of time being lost to natural causes, riots or even non-co-operation.

Monday's was an arbitrary decision, made with the best of intentions and in the hope of ensuring a good game of cricket after the first two days had had to be abandoned. Yesterday, because everyone felt the match would be better consigned to the record books, it became a gesture that misfired.

A good match in seasonable weather, providing Sydney-siders with their first opportunity of the season of hailing Border's achievers, could have been expected to bring in takings of £500,000, perhaps more. The loss of this, coupled with the dismayingly small crowds at Melbourne for the first Test against Pakistan and at Perth and Brisbane for the Tests against New Zealand and Sri Lanka respectively, has presented the Australian Cricket Board with a critically low aggregate attendance (barely 200,000) for their six Test matches.

The people of Melbourne sent what amounted to an ominous message to the board by absenting themselves from their one Test match. On the same ground a few days earlier, 85,842 had watched the two one-day internationals, between Australia and Pakistan and Australia and Sri Lanka, held on successive days.

For a five-day Test match featuring as popular an Australian side as there has been for a long time, playing for the silver medal (West Indies hold the gold), only 68,865 turned up. The legacy of Packer, it will be found in time to have been a monstrous illusion.

After the camera that is built into a stump, Channel Nine is trying to sell the ACB the idea of another that is stitched into an umpire's hat. Not surprisingly, the umpires in the present match, Tony Crafter and Peter McConnell, believe they already have enough weight on their shoulders without adding to it.

SCORES: Pakistan 199 (Imran Khan 52 not out, Javed Miandad 49; T M Alderman 5 for 65).

Dilley dragged off treatment table and into firing line

From Richard Streeton
Johannesburg

Mike Gatting may be forced to gamble by including Graham Dilley in his team when the first five-day international match with South Africa starts here today. Dilley's problem knee allowed him to practise yesterday, but he had been ruled out of consideration until Thomas reported unfit with a stomach disorder.

Should Thomas be unavailable, Dilley will be selected, although he has bowled only 10 overs on the tour and is far from match hardened. The swelling in his knee has subsided, but a specialist in Johannesburg has told him that the relevant bone in the joint will continue to flake for the rest of his career. Almost certainly he will need to have it tidied up with another keyhole operation before the next English season.

Gatting is hopeful that Dilley can survive being used in short spells and that he will still make a contribution in the seven one-day fixtures, even if he misses the two five-day games. With Dilley's tour fee for this season reputedly £60,000, he is proving a costly investment for the South African authorities.

The uncertainty surrounding Thomas meant that Gatting named 13 players from whom the English XI will be picked. A decision whether to play either Emburey as the solitary spinner, or to include an extra batsman, probably Barnett, will be taken shortly before the toss. With Johannesburg experiencing its thundery season, the odds must favour Emburey.

It looks as if Wells, the only non-Test player among the batsmen, has gained a certain place, together with Robinson. The Wanderers pitch, as always, seems certain to favour seam and pace, so Gravenev has to await his chance in the second game at Capetown, where the Newlands ground is more helpful to spinners.

South Africa look a gifted and well-equipped team even if their batting would appear to be stronger than their bowling. Donald has immense pace but has tended to be inaccurate recently and may be feeling the effects of a hard season with Warwickshire. Snell, a raw newcomer, McMillan and Kuiper and the off-spinner, Rundle, also move the ball basically into the batsmen, a familiar pattern for county players.

There is a fierce determination in the English team to prove that they are far from being yesterday's men. They also feel that whatever susceptibilities they have offended by coming to this country, they will salvage some respect as long as they emerge both as winners and as good ambassadors. Nobody carries the torch for burning, professional pride more openly than the captain.

Gatting accepts this is not an England Test team, but be constantly refers to their obligations as an English XI. He has quashed any notion that this touring party would find it hard to summon unity and motivation, and it is impossible not to admire his performance in the circumstances of this difficult trip.

Teams

SOUTH AFRICA: S J Cook (captain), A A Donald, H R Fotheringham, R V Jennings, P N Kirsten, A P Kuiper, B M McMillan, R F Pienaar, D B Rundle, R P Snell, K C Wessels.

ENGLISH XI (from): M W Gatting (captain), S C Broad, C W J Athey, R T Robinson, A P Wells, K J Barnett, J E Emburey, S N French, R M Ellison, N A Foster, P W Jarvis, J G Thomas, G R Dilley.

Vengsarkar stays in touch

From Qamar Ahmed, Napier

With victory in the first Test match against India in the bag, New Zealand are confident of winning the second, which starts at McLean Park here tomorrow.

John Wright, the New Zealand captain, warned, however, that it would be unwise to underestimate the Indian batting, which failed in the first Test. "One or two of them haven't had a lot of Test cricket but they are very good, strong players," he said. "Their downfall in the first Test was their failure to establish partnerships."

He hopes that, as in the first Test, his bowlers, spearheaded by Richard Hadlee, will again be daunting.

The wicket at McLean Park has a reputation for helping seamers in the Shell Shield. Shane Thomson, a medium-paced bowler and a useful middle-order batsman, is among the 12 for the second Test. He replaces Dipak Patel, the twelfth man in the first Test.

Thomson toured England last year with the youth team. His prospect of being in the team will depend on the nature of the wicket. It appears to be well prepared and lively; though on the brownish side, it is likely to help the seamers.

It is, however, unlikely that New Zealand will leave out the off spinner, John Bracewell, in order to include a youngster.

India landed here yesterday and were greeted by the former Indian captain, Dilip Vengsarkar, who has been flown in as a reinforcement to the injured batsman, Navjot Sidhu, who broke the knuckles of his right hand off a ball from Morrison.

Sidhu will stay with the team for at least a week before a decision is made to send him home or let him stay for the one-day games with New Zealand and Australia.

Vengsarkar, one of the most prolific run-getters, had a long period in the nets and appeared in touch. "I have been playing cricket at home and have made some useful runs in the Duleep Trophy," he said.

The Indian coach, Bishen Bedi, believes that India will do much better here.

NEW ZEALAND (from): J G Wright, J T Franklin, A H Jones, M D Crowe, M J Greatbatch, K R Rutherford, J C Bracewell, I D S Smith, R J Hadlee, M C Snedden, D K Morrison, S Thomson.

INDIA (from): W V Raman, M Prabhakar, S V Manjrekar, M Azharuddin, D Vengsarkar, S Tendulkar, Kapil Dev, K S More, S L V Raju, A Wasson, N Hirwani, A Sharma, M Venkataramana.

Umpires: S Woodward, B Aldridge.

British gymnast explodes on the world scene

Raising a glass to world-class tumbler

By Peter Aykroyd

Britain's most accomplished woman gymnast is Philippa Musikant, aged 22, a sports science student from Totteridge. In the explosive discipline of tumbling she is the third best in the world as well as second in Europe. She came fourth in the recent World Cup for her sport.

Tumbling, which is basically somersaulting, is one of the two sections of the dramatic and comparatively new pursuit of sports acrobatics. The other section is combination work in which men and women perform to music in pairs or groups, executing gymnastic, acrobatic and balletic movements on a 12-metre-square floormat.

As a tumbler, Musikant works on a 30-metre mat and runway specially constructed of laminated wood in the manner of a continuous springboard. This enables her to increase her momentum and therefore gain height so that she can tackle complicated twists, double and triple somersaults or handsprings in a rapid, flowing sequence. It is a sport which, more than most, calls for strength, mobility and an instant sense of timing.

In competition, tumblers have three runs. The first demonstrates different types of somersault, for example forward, backward and sideways. The run must include three different somersaults, one to end the exercise. In the second or twisting run, competitors show their ability to incorporate twists of 180 or more into the somersaults. The third run must combine elements from both the previous runs.

Musikant, who has a stocky physique with powerful leg muscles, started her career as an artistic gymnast. Coached by Eddie Van Hoof, the British men's national coach, she represented the London region at the age of 14, performing the floor exercise in a national competition and taking the silver medal.

In the same year she was the individual winner in the British team tumbling championships. Two years later she switched to sports acrobatics and has been a medal winner in the British championships ever since. She is national champion.

She was soon selected for international duty in minor tournaments. Her first big competition was the 1986 world championships and she has captured medals in all her successive global events.

For Musikant, the attraction of her sport is the thrill and pace of competition. It is an environment to which her natural vivacity seems ideally matched.

She is coached at Hendon Gymnastics Club by Martin Ling, a former national vault champion. She trains four days a week, working with male artistic gymnasts, the only woman to do so. Her condition exercises are, of course, geared to the dynamic demands of tumbling. She has also received instruction from Matei Todorov, a Bulgarian coach employed by the British Amateur Gymnastics Association to train the sports acrobatics national squad.

Britain are among the top 10 nations and worthy opponents for leading Eastern European nations such as the Soviet Union, Bulgaria and Poland. Britain were founder members of the International Federation of Sports Acrobatics in 1974 when the present form of the sport was established.

The IFSA hopes that the rapid expansion of sports acrobatics since then will enable it to be a demonstration sport at the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona, the first move towards its possible acceptance as an official Olympic sport.

The first British sports acrobatics championships were held in 1976 and involved eight pioneering clubs. Today there are over 100 clubs with nearly 5,000 gymnasts who have taken up the sport in a climate of increasing popularity. Other outstanding British international performers include Ian Matthews, another distinguished tumbler, and Alison Tout and Emma Carlisle.

In April, Musikant will defend her British title before going to Japan the following month, sponsorship willing, to compete in the Fuji Cup. But her sights are on the world championships at Augsburg in October. She believes that she has not yet reached her peak and could better her global bronze medal status. Her hopes are backed by her recent achievement of a triple back somersault which she has demonstrated is training but not yet in competition.

No Briton within today's branches of gymnastics — artistic, rhythmic and sports acrobatic — has seized a gold medal at world events but Musikant could come close to being the first to do so.

JAMES GRAY

Coming on by leaps and bounds: Musikant, gymnast No. 1

ICE SKATING

Dean goes back to the old routine

By John Hennessy

Christopher Dean, the principal creator of the free dance of Isabelle and Paul Duchesnay in the European championship in Leningrad on Saturday, expressed his delight yesterday with their performance. "They were skating mainly to please themselves," he said. "The fact that the audience was behind them was a bonus."

Yet there was a time during the summer when there were discussions among the four principals, including Martin Skotnicky, the skaters' trainer in Oberstdorf, about whether or not it would be wise for the French champions to go to Leningrad at all.

"Both the referee and the assistant referee were from the same two Eastern countries who provided the main opponents, the Soviet Union and Hungary," Dean said. "Some people thought Paul and Isabelle would be at a disadvantage. We made a conscious decision for them to go."

Dean revealed that the Duchesnays' programme, which took the Leningrad Sports Complex, if not the judging panel, by storm, was based partly on a routine that he and Jayne Torvill use as professionals. It had been changed here and there to meet the rules of the International Skating Union.

The difficulty of the programme, based on poverty and privation in South America as a contrast to the gaiety of the mandatory samba the day before, was that much of the movement was made to seem off-balance.

"But it still had to flow from one passage to the next," Dean said. "We wanted that lilt that looks as though they're falling, but then they recapture it. It had to have an unrehearsed freedom about it, not seem too clinical."

It could have looked warped, he realized, if they had not had the passion, not much more than a series of three turns with movements around them. He was sure it could be improved in the area of body movements before the world championships in Halifax, Nova Scotia, next month.

Meanwhile, an analysis of the judges' marks brings out the encouraging fact that Mary Parry, of Britain, was one of the minority of four who placed the French couple second to Marina Klimova and Sergei Ponomarenko, the Soviet champions. Three others placed them third and there was food for cynical thought in the fact that the two that had them fourth came from the Soviet Union and Hungary.

"We felt the public were behind us," Isabelle Duchesnay said later, adding the shrewd rider: "Maybe the judges will be part of the public one day."

SPORTS LETTERS

Football clubs should follow American model

From Mr Graeme J. Allan
Sir, If Lord Justice Taylor's proposals are implemented, he will go down in sporting history as the man who saved our national sport. The tragedy is that it is 25 years too late.

To describe the majority of football grounds as squalid is a just description. The average football fan has been neglected and regarded by directors as a mere source of revenue. It has been forgotten that he is the customer, without whom there would be no football.

The average supporter pays approximately £4 to stand in antiquated slums, sometimes in appalling weather, squashed and jostled, and often does not get an adequate view of the game. He is herded into a pen like an animal, and is subject to the elements and the louts. These pens have now been shown to be death-traps. The toilet facilities resemble those used during the Great Plague of 1665; and refreshment facilities are often a hole in a brick wall (closed during the second half), at which one queues for paper cups of alleged tea, coffee or Bovril, or pies which are cold.

Such facilities may have been acceptable in 1900 when standards of living were lower for the vast majority, and working conditions were inferior, but they will not do for 1990.

What a contrast with American stadiums. Sporting events offer a day out for the family. Everyone sits down, under cover, with a view of the match. There are TV replay screens, suitable toilets, and bars, cafes and restaurants. Pre-match entertainment is provided, and often such stadiums incorporate gyms and leisure outlets.

Parking facilities are patrolled, and it is easier to police such stadiums. Those who say that total seating destroys atmosphere should ask themselves: "Are American football matches staid affairs?" I have sat in stands in Football League grounds, and not noticed a lack of banter and humour and atmosphere. Indeed, a camaraderie develops amongst season-ticket holders.

All-seated, comfortable grounds with modern facilities will encourage families and respectable people back to football. The lout will be discouraged by the price of tickets and the shortage of an arena in which to perform his savage antics. The sale of tickets will ensure greater control over who gets into matches.

How will this be financed. I offer the following suggestions:

1. Football Levy Board — advocated by many inside football.
2. Football Trust
3. Government grants — as with the arts
4. Sponsorship by companies, eg "Joe Bloggs Ltd Stand".
5. Percentage of transfer fees going on ground improvements, e.g. five per cent.

We must ensure that third and fourth division clubs do not suffer as they are the life-blood of football. They provide new talent, enrich cup competitions, and status and civic recognition for many towns.

I remain your obedient servant
GRAEME J. ALLAN,
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Wellfield,
Whitley Bay, Tyne and Wear.

From Mr David Gibbs
Sir, The Taylor report criticizes football clubs for their blinkered concentration on success on the field of play at the expense of all else. It calls for "a vision and imagination to achieve a new ethos for football". As part of this new ethos the clubs might see their responsibility as not just to run a successful team in the Football League but also to develop and foster the game in the local community and in particular amongst the young.

Organized team games have virtually disappeared from the maintained sector of education, leaving a vacuum which the football clubs might fill. Boys of all abilities from age six to eighteen should be able to go regularly to the club for coaching and matches. The right facilities would be needed (notably floodlit, all-weather pitches), as well as coaches and organizers. One source of coaching would be former professional players.

Ground improvements to meet the Taylor requirements are estimated to cost £130 million. The Government has said that it is unwilling to subsidize such private sector investment. If however clubs were fully committed to these community schemes, state funding might be made available, perhaps as part of the current inner city initiative.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID GIBBS,
(Housemaster) Colvin,
Haileybury College,
Hertford.

From Dr John Ashton
Sir, Now that Lord Justice Taylor has reported, I would make one proposal which could solve several problems simultaneously and should not cost the Government an unreasonable amount of money.

Football clubs should be required to broaden the shareholding base by a mechanism akin to the privatizations which have taken place in recent years. Although some clubs have shareholders the clubs are essentially feudal institutions comparable with paternalistic forms of government.

A meaningful "flotation" of shares aimed at the supporters could easily bring in large amounts of money and at the same time produce real supporter involvement. I suspect that even many of the smaller clubs would be able to find 2,000 supporters willing to buy £100 each of shares. With the first and second division clubs the sums raised could easily run into millions. If this approach was adopted, the money which is available from the pools, etc. could be concentrated on the poorer clubs. There may be some case for topping up from public money via the Sports Council for particular clubs.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN ASHTON,
19 Eaton Road,
Cressington Park,
Liverpool 19.

From Mr Tony Humphris
Sir, Lord Justice Taylor's excellent report dispels any complacency about the association between heavy drinking and the control of football crowds. He rightly rejects any relaxation of the present restrictions on the sale or possession of alcohol within football grounds. But with the World Cup in Italy looming up, should not the Government and the football authorities do more to counter what Lord Justice Taylor calls "a cult of drinking to excess"?

The association between sport and heavy levels of alcohol consumption is deep-rooted; a survey last year by the Health Education Authority found that 41 per cent of heavier drinkers listed playing sport as a recreation and 22 per cent are regular sports spectators. Another recent survey found that a fifth of young males aged under 25 earning more than £200 a week were drinking over 50 units of alcohol a week on average — a level of consumption which medical opinion regards as unsafe.

Football's requirement for increased funding to meet the cost of modern stadiums will inevitably mean a bigger role for commercial sponsorship, among whom alcohol brands are prominent. Twenty-three Football League clubs, as well as the FA Charity Shield, the Scottish FA Cup and numerous non-League competitions are drinks-sponsored.

It is to be hoped that the Government's ministerial group on alcohol misuse will tackle this anomaly. It should also encourage the drinks industry to promote their low and no-alcohol brands through football sponsorship and to disseminate information about levels of consumption.

Yours sincerely,
TONY HUMPHRIS,
Director of Public Affairs,
Alcohol Concern,
305 Gray's Inn Road, WC1

From Mr O.E. Palmer
Sir, Why, my Continental colleagues ask, do football supporters stand on terraces and sit in stands?

Yours faithfully,
O. E. PALMER,
11 Causeway,
Horsham,
West Sussex.

Accurate passing

From Mr Simon Giles
Sir, I am moved to comment on Mr A. Willey's somewhat sour letter (February 1) about Graham Taylor, the Aston Villa manager. He is misguided in three respects.

Firstly, while Mr Taylor's assertion that he bought Gordon Cowans "on the basis of three fruitless passes" may be slightly exaggerated, it remains sound in practice — Cowans was undoubtedly bought because of the abilities he demonstrated, not because of the deficiencies of the team for whom he was playing. Furthermore, I believe Mr Taylor to be basically honest, and I fail to see what advantage he would gain by making the statement if it were not true.

Secondly, Mr Willey considers Mr Taylor's contention, that he could tell, by sound alone, whether it was Cowans who kicked the ball, to be absurd. In other sports, for example cricket and golf, the sound of the stroke is a good indicator of the way in which it was made, in particular of how well it was timed. Hence it does not surprise me that the sound of Cowans striking the ball is different from that of other, less gifted (at least in that respect) members of the team.

Thirdly, the ball possession analysis, on which he sets so much store, is fundamentally irrelevant. The Villa v Everton match which he discusses occurred pretty much at the start of the Villa revival; he should not therefore use it as an example of failed planning, but rather to demonstrate how much work must have since been done by the whole team in order to achieve their current position.

More importantly, and particularly in relation to Cowans's ability, it is not always the sequence of passes that matters, so much as the accuracy of the final one.

Yours sincerely,
SIMON GILES,
20 Acorn Walk,
Calcot, Reading, Berkshire.

Fair play required

From Mr Malcolm Tozer
Sir, A Saturday free of school rugby matches, yet filled with car journeys taking daughters to music and riding lessons, found me listening to the France v England rugby international on Radio 2. But never again.

Fair play on the pitch must surely be matched by fair play from the commentary box; but I was led to believe that England was at war with France, that no prisoners were to be taken, and that all cowards were to be shot. Identification with the English team might just be excusable, but the ever-present jingoism and the vilification of the French were not.

How good it was to get back in the evening to the television and the video. The even reporting by *Grandstand*'s commentators added substantially to the enjoyment of both matches played that afternoon. One could hardly detect that Bill McLaren is Scottish.

Yours faithfully,
MALCOLM TOZER,
(Headmaster),
Northamptonshire Grammar School, Pitsford Hall,
Pitsford,
Northampton.

Cricket used as political tool

From Mr David Tudor-Pole
Sir, Richard Streeton (January 31) says that the "root cause" of trouble in South African townships is "a cricket match". Isn't that rather naive? The root cause is political (apartheid), for which cricket has been made a symbol by political means by political activists.

The distinction between sport and politics is as old as the original Olympic Games of which the founders established the principle of the Olympic Truce. Under that principle even hostilities between actively warring states ceased in order to allow the Games to take place. It is sad that this civilized idea in ancient Greece — where democracy was invented — appears to have been totally forgotten in the 20th century.

Yours truly,
DAVID TUDOR-POLE,
Flete,
Ermington,
Devon.

From Mr M. E. R. Bulloch
Sir, When I read Richard Streeton's extraordinary comments on the tour to South Africa (January 31) I am comforted by recalling your balanced comments on a similar occasion in England (May 14, 1970):

"It is worth putting up with some unpleasantness and expending some energy to defend the principle that ordinary lawful pursuits are not to be exposed to enforced abandonment because of the violence, threatened or actual, of groups of disapproving people, however admirable their moral sentiments."

I fear there is no such thing as a peaceful demonstration at or near a premises where such lawful pursuits are taking place, whether these are at Kimberley, Twickenham, Lord's, Wapping or wherever.

Yours faithfully,
M.E.R. BULLOCH,
12 Whitby Road,
South Harrow, Middlesex.

Notable pairing

From Mr Edward E. Greenhalgh
Sir, I was delighted to read (January 22) of the proposal to nominate Sir Leonard Hutton as president of Yorkshire CCC, which coincides perfectly with his old England colleague and batting partner, Cyril Washbrook, being president of Lancashire.

When, if ever, was the last time two former England players, who shared so many successes together on the field, went on to the presidency of their counties?

Their style of play, attitude and enjoyment should be a model for any modern cricketer who seems to have lost his way.

Yours faithfully,
E. GREENHALGH,
19 Caroline Terrace, SW1.

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Redevelopment of Epsom

From Mr Donald Kerr
Sir, You have carried statements (February 5 and 6) by representatives of United Racecourses about the alleged dangers on the part of the Epsom and Ewell Borough Council's planning committee if they fail to approve the £15 million development proposed on Epsom Downs in the rebuilding of one grandstand and the refurbishment of the other. These statements are coupled with the suggestion that the Derby may be moved from Epsom if the council does not toe the line.

If a developer applied for permission to build conference facilities for 300 people, an exhibition hall and banqueting facilities in an important Green Belt area there is little doubt that the application would be refused and the refusal upheld on appeal.

Yet this is just what United Racecourses is attempting to do. There is no question, about this development, of sports facilities paying their way. What is proposed is a massive commercial undertaking inserted into the Green Belt for the purpose of subsidising the necessary modernisation of the grandstands. It is said that some 30 trade events are planned per year which are estimated to bring something like 700 visitors and 450 cars a day to the new building, a volume of traffic which can only be detrimental to the area. There will not even be a countervailing benefit ot he town of Epsom.

The threat to move the Derby should not be taken too seriously. The famous course cannot be replicated elsewhere and the moment the race was moved it would cease to be the 210-year-old Derby and become just another 1½-mile flat race. Certainly the grandstands need modernisation but the work should be on a smaller scale. Epsom council should have the courage to say so.

Yours faithfully,
DONALD KERR,
32 Downs Road,
Epsom, Surrey.

Valley of despair

From Mr Richard Redden
Sir, It is ironic that the first test of Lord Justice Taylor's call for modern football stadiums came just two days after the issue of his report — and foundered immediately.

The rejection by Greenwich Council of Charlton Athletic's plans for a new purpose-built all-seater stadium at their former home, The Valley, illustrates just what a Catch 22 situation any football club faces trying to meet Taylor's proposals.

No modern stadium with first-class facilities can exist on revenue from just one first-class football game a fortnight. Yet Greenwich Council turned the Charlton application down on just that point. It rejected the club's plans for social, dining and commercial facilities at the new stadium because of opposition by residents.

The Valley, bounded on two sides by the slope of an old chalk pit and close to a railway line and a main road, is in one of the least residential areas of any stadium in London, so what hope is there for other clubs seeking to fund the changes Taylor seeks?

Last year, Charlton tried to move to a new site on part of a waste industrial area on the Greenwich Marshes. In this environment, too, they failed because wasteland fetches much more when sold for housing than for sporting and recreational use.

But the lessons for football spread still further to the third and last option for Charlton — a move to a green-field site near a motorway where they could develop a stadium in a similar location to many Continental stadiums. Such is the tightness of Green Belt policy in the South-east that that is impossible as well.

Only one club has managed to break out of this vicious circle in recent years — Scunthorpe United with their new, compact ground by the M180.

Unless Government overrules councils or industrial property owners, clubs seeking to meet Taylor's requirements will fail through no fault of their own.

Yours sincerely,
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West Wickham,
Kent.

To walk — or not

From Mr M. B. Hedgcock
Sir, The thoughtful End Column by Ivo Tennant (February 6), on the batsman's choice — to walk or not to walk, overlooks an argument put by Australians which helps explain why we produce so few walkers.

This is that players have no right to undermine the umpire's authority by taking decisions away from him: the umpire is there to say out or not out.

The corollary of the walker's argument would logically be that he would stay when given out in error — reducing the game to chaos. However, the extension of the "walk to the umpire's decision" policy must be ungrudging acceptance of the decision.

I lost faith in the walker's principles when I saw two notable Test captains — one English, one West Indian, both regarded as total sportsmen — make ostentatious gestures to the crowd after being given out, caught at the wicket, to argue that the ball in each case had hit arm, not bat.

This makes a fool of the unfortunate umpire, which is why I still prefer the Australian approach — always provided of course that the player leaves without making a fuss to suggest the decision was wrong.

Yours sincerely,
M. B. HEDGCOCK,
14 Clifford Avenue, SW14.

Echoes from Auckland

From Mr Graham Dove
Sir, I take issue with Simon Barnes (February 3), when he states that it seems likely that we are entering a fallow period for middle-distance running. I also take him to task for his unfortunate remarks about Peter Elliott that he is "first class of the second class."

Elliott is a fine ambassador, both for his sport and for our country and has taken both defeat and success with the highest degree of sportsmanship. His silver in the Seoul 1,500 metres, whilst not fully fit, and now his commanding gold in Auckland are testimony that this fine athlete is indeed from the top drawer.

As for the future, I have the pleasure of coaching young middle-distance athletes and as I attend track and cross country meetings around the country, I am amazed at the depth and quality of the next generation of youngsters, inspired by Coe, Ovett, Cram and Elliott, who will undoubtedly go on to become the next generation to bring us acclaim in the "blue riband" event. Elliott and a hopefully fully fit Steve Cram are poised to lead these young athletes forward to yet another decade of excellence.

Yours faithfully,
GRAHAM P. DOVE,
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Sheffield, South Yorkshire.

From Mr David Barnes
Sir, Possibly the most moving moment in the Commonwealth Games was the rendering of "Danny Boy" by a real Ulsterman.

This prompts me to reflect on the nature of national anthems. That chosen to represent Englishness at the Games is "Land of Hope and Glory", conjuring up, at least to my mind, the image of an imperialist nation, surely inappropriate to these Games in particular and perhaps offensive to some of the medal-winners from other nations (and possibly our own country).

Surely there are more appropriate alternatives — a song could capture the essential qualities of England as preceived by one of her sons or daughters a long way from home.

I admit it is not easy to think of an obvious choice. One of the best I have been able to come up with is "Ilkla Moor ba' t'at" — although it has been suggested to me that the theme tune from *The Archers* would be more appropriate.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID BARNES,
42 Curzon Road, W5.

From Mrs D. Halpern
Sir, I believe that all the countries comprising Great Briain should compete as a nation, but as this is not the case in the Commonwealth Games, why is Britain banned when a Welshman competing for Wales is positively dope tested?

Yours faithfully,
D. HALPERN,
25 Sheldon Avenue, N6.

Peter Davenport on the scale and courage of the attempt to build Britain's city of sport

Sheffield reaches for a new skyline

The financial and internal problems of the company organizing the World Student Games have tended to overshadow the achievements in the largest sports facilities construction programme this country has seen, which will rank among Europe's best sporting venues.

There is a supreme irony in the timing of the building programme, which cannot fail to impress anyone touring the new facilities, costing £147 million, which are dramatically changing the Sheffield skyline.

The tragic events at Hillsborough last year led to the report by Lord Justice Taylor, his condemnation of standards at football grounds and recomendations for all-seater venues and yet, in the same city, the most modern stadiums in Britain, incorporating many of the judge's most important suggestions, are at an advanced stage of completion.

In July next year some 6,000 athletes from 120 nations, together with up to 250,000 spectators, are scheduled to descend on Sheffield in the largest sports event staged in this country.

Building has moved steadily ahead despite the doubts and uncertainties that have dogged the operations of the organizing company, Universiade GB Ltd, as it goes about raising the £27 million to run the event, secure television coverage and leading sponsors.

The wisdom of the decision by Sheffield City Council to bid for the Games, as a means of stimulating the longer-term economic regeneration of a city hit by the decline of its traditional industries, has been frequently questioned and will continue to be so until and unless the event is brought in on time and within budget.

What cannot be doubted is the courage and scale of the undertaking. Although not all of the £147 million is being provided by the council, it is underwriting most of the programme. Borrowings will cost the citizens an estimated £8 million a year for 22 years, beginning in 1992, which represents just over one per cent of the authority's overall spending in the current financial year.

According to council officials, the figure is the equivalent of between 45p and 50p a person on the poll tax, a little enough price, they argue, for the first-class facilities which will be available for their use.

Peter Price, deputy leader of the council and chairman of Universiade, said: "We want to make Sheffield into Britain's city of sport and the facilities we are building are our investment in the future. The value of sport to the economy has traditionally be undervalued in this country but we believe it has enormous potential for us.

"Long after the Student Games are over, the world-class venues we are providing will enable us to attract major sporting events, with all the benefits that will bring to the city and its image. It is a calculated risk but we didn't go into this blindly."

A recent poll, commissioned by the BBC in conjunction with a programme about the Games, showed that 83 per cent of people in Sheffield who were questioned wanted the event to go ahead, although half of those interviewed believed that central government should cover any financial losses.

A separate survey found that two thirds of people thought the Games and the new facilities would create more jobs and investment in the city.

By the time the Games open, six new facilities will have been built, including an indoor events arena, to be used for gymnastics, basketball and volleyball, with 10,000 permanent seats. Costing £34 million, it is being funded by an American group.

The two most spectacular venues are the £52 million Ponds Forge international sports and leisure complex in the heart of the city and the £28 million Don Valley Athletics Stadium on the site of a redundant steelworks in Sheffield's old industrial heartland of Attercliffe on the eastern edge of the city and an area targeted for regeneration.

The athletics stadium, due for completion this spring, provides for up to 40,000 spectators to be seated, features an Olympic standard synthetic track with 8 x 400 metres lanes and a 10-lane straight, sunken to avoid wind interference and with indoor events facilities. Floodlighting of television broadcast quality is being built into the stadium, which will also house the means for modern drug-testing.

The council has discussed with both of the city's football teams the possibility of their using the stadium as an alternative to expensive improvements to the their grounds in the wake of the Taylor Report. No decisions have been taken.

Ponds Forge, built on the site of an eighteenth-century water-driven grinding mill, will provide, among its many facilities, a 50-metre, 10-lane swimming pool and a diving pool, both of Olympic standard. Among the many innovative design features of the 1.5 million gallon capacity pool are mobile bulkheads which can be used to divide it into three sections and a floor that can be adjusted to alter depth levels.

The Princess Royal, who is patron of the Games, is to perform the topping-out ceremony on the building next month and work is expected to be completed by Christmas.

TED DITCHBURN

Sheffield shows a nerve of steel: a glimpse into the future as the World Student Games complex takes its daring and spectacular place on the map of Britain

RACING

Royal Athlete and Pitman master all for Ascot triumph

By Michael Seely, Racing Correspondent

Royal Athlete survived torrential rain, gale force winds and a heart stopping blunder at the fourth fence from home to win yesterday's Old Road Securities Reynoldstown Chase for the all-conquering team of Jenny and Mark Pitman.

"He's going to take a lot of beating in the Sun Alliance Chase at Cheltenham after that," said the jockey triumphantly. "He shot me up his neck and both my legs were on the right hand side. The strength of the head wind in the straight was unbelievable, but he was still running away at the finish."

This breathtaking performance certaintly stamped Royal Athlete as the best staying novice chaser in the country. But both Carrick Hill Lad and Celtic Shot fell badly from grace.

Carrick Hill Lad, the crack northern novice, was made 11-8 favourite to extend his unbeaten sequence of victories to nine. But his normally bold and decisive jumping went to pieces.

Royal Athlete eventually beat Last House by 15 lengths with Carrick Hill Lad finishing a further three lengths away third.

Celtic Shot was all of 10lengths adrift of the leaders when he fell at the fourth fence from home. "He was fighting his way back after losing his place," said Peter Scudamore, "But I don't think we would have won."

In the absence of Desert Orchid, Ballyhane was made 13-8 favourite to capture the Charterhouse Mercantile Chase for Josh Gifford. But, not for the first time, Jim Joel's nine-year-old flattered only to deceive and weakened in the straight to finish fifth behind Ten Of Spades.

This was certainly a triumph for two of the grand old men of steeplechasing. Colonel Billy Whitbread, who owns Ten Of Spades, is 89 and Fulke Walwyn, the winning trainer, will be 80 in November.

Ten Of Spades, absent from the track during the 1988-89 campaign, had made a successful comeback on the course in January. Kevin Mooney made virtually all the running on the 10-year-old and comfortably resisted the attack of Paddyboro.

Ten Of Spades is now quoted at 33-1 for the Cheltenham Gold Cup. "We knew he loved the heavy ground, but we wanted to find out if he stayed," said Cath Walwyn, the trainer's wife. "He will now go straight to Cheltenham."

It was the turn of another veteran in the *Daily Telegraph* Hurdle when Ryde Again, owned by the 82-year-old Kitty Hayward, proved too strong for Calabrese. A stone better off with the runner-up than in a handicap here recently, Peter Cundell's seven-year-old eventually won by three lengths. The disappointment of the race was the even-money favourite, Mrs Muck, who finished a well beaten fifth.

The consistent Ryde Again will now be trained for the Waterford Crystal Stayers' Hurdle at the National Hunt Festival.

David Elsworth, Desert Orchid's trainer, had his first winner for a month when Wink Gulliver gave a bold exhibition of fast and fluent fencing to beat Western Dandy by five lengths in the Daniel Homes Novices' Chase.

Another Coral, the 13-8 favourite was struggling to go the pace in the last mile and finished 12 lengths away third.

Five inches of rain in the past week had made the going very testing and, in the opening A F Budge Novices' Hurdle, Whatever You Like had to show high courage in the conditions to resist the determined attack of Man Of The West.

Richard Dunwoody rode the winner for Nicky Henderson and afterwards the trainer said: "He's a good long-term prospect and should make a chaser in due course."

Jimmy Fitzgerald was thrilled by the performance of the runner-up who was attempting to concede 10lb to the winner and failed by only half a length.

"He certainly earned the right to go to Cheltenham," said the trainer, who added that Hill Street remains a definite runner for Saturday's Tote Gold Trophy at Newbury. Fragrant Dawn may be withdrawn if the going is too heavy.

Sandown cup weights

WILLIAM HILL IMPERIAL CUP (2m): Vagador 7 12 0, Propero 5 11 10, Vayrus 5 11 9, Die Train 6 11 9, Deep Sensation 5 11 9, Baldale Star 7 11 9, Vicario Di Bray 7 11 8, Sprowston Boy 7 11 7, Don Valentino 5 11 7, Wonder Man 5 11 6, Persian Style 6 11 4, Attasi 5 11 4, Hill Street 8 11 3, Lumberjack 6 11 3, Lladelt 5 11 2, Sudden Victory 6 11 1, Urizen 5 11 1, Joyful Noise 7 11 1, Afaristoun 6 11 0, Dare Sey 7 10 13, Magnus Pym 5 10 12, Fragrant Dawn 6 10 12, Bradbury Star 5 10 12, Penny Forum 6 10 12, Meadow 6 10 11, Positive 8 10 11, Riverhead 6 10 10, Kadan 6 10 10, Out Of Range 7 10 10, Ambassador 7 10 9, Stated Case 5 10 8, Naher 5 10 8, Tancred Lend 7 10 7, Midnight Strike 6 10 6, Without A Doubt 5 10 6, Rampallion 7 10 5, On Top 6 10 4, Moody Man 5 10 4, Highland Bounty 6 10 3, Imperial Brush 8 10 2, Peanuts Pet 5 10 1, Austhorpe Sunset 6 10 1, Smart Performer 5 10 0, Gilt Bronze 8 9 13, Instant Tan 6 9 13, Tebitto 7 9 12, Directly 7 9 12, Run High 7 9 12, Pactolus 7 9 8, Cinnamon Run 8 9 8, Elegant Stranger 5 9 8, Yorkshireman 5 9 7, Little Toro 8 9 5, None Too Dear 6 9 4, Gulf Palace 5 9 3, Raggas Beat 5 9 0, Billitis 7 8 11, Gold Tint 5 8 11, Caputet 7 8 10, Big Finish 5 8 7, Big Diamond 8 8 3, Denboy 8 7 3. To be run at Sandown, March 10.

SQUASH RACKETS

A surprise reverse for Harris

From Colin McQuillan
Toronto

Mark Maclean, the Scottish No. 1, yesterday defeated Del Harris, the British champion, 15-12, 14-17, 12-15, 15-10, 15-6 in the first of their round-robin matches in the Mennen Cup here.

For Maclean, aged 26, this first win over Harris, the English No. 1, in senior competition more than justified his invitation to this £38,000 event which has previously avoided including more than one Briton in the field.

This year, however, the Scottish champion and the leading Welshman, Adrian Davies, were brought in. Davies lost in straight games in yesterday's first group B match to Chris Dittmar, of Australia.

With Ross Norman losing to Jahangir Khan, the defending champion, who is in search of his eighth successive win, Maclean's unexpected breakthrough throws group A wide open. One more outstanding performance from him could oust both Harris and Norman from this section.

Harris failed against Maclean only because the Scot produced one of those superlative performances he reserves for big occasions. Both players retrieved with astonishing flexibility on the glass court at the Curzon Club and Harris appeared ready to surge for victory in the third game when Maclean was inhibited by a slight back strain.

RESULTS: Round-Robin stage: Group A: Jahangir Khan (Pak) bt R Norman (NZ), 17-15, 15-9, 15-4; M Maclean (Scot) bt D Harris (Engl), 15-12, 14-17, 12-15, 15-10, 15-6. Group B: C Dittmar (Aus) bt A Davies (Wales), 15-9, 15-11, 15-10.

Cannon soon brought back to earth

Seven days ago UTC Cannon toppled the Pimm's league leaders, Leeks Welsh Wizards, to manoeuvre themselves into contention to regain the title they won two seasons ago (a Special Correspondent writes). This week they tumbled to Village Leisure, of Manchester, the only team with a realistic chance of thwarting the title aspirations of the Cardiff side.

Cannons had little expectation of success without their top two players, Del Harris and Ross Norman. Paul Carter was promoted to top string, but could make no impression on Rodney Eyles, recently arrived from Brisbane, and the lower order fared no better.

Lambs kept alive their faint hopes of closing on the top group with a solid victory over Embassy Edgbaston Priory. Only Brian Beeson lost out in a cut-and-thrust battle with Brett Martin. And there was no reward for Weir Systems Surrey who could not secure a win against GT Sports Abbeydale to move off the bottom.

RESULTS: Pimm's premier league: Village Leisure Hotels (Manchester) 4, UTC Cannons (London) 1; Lambs (London) 4, Embassy Edgbaston Priory (Birmingham) 1. Leading positions: 1, Village, played 12, 65; 2, Wizards, 11, 63; 3, Cannons, 11, 55; 4, Lambs, 10, 38; 5, Abbeydale, 10, 31; 6, Edgbaston, 11, 22; 7, Northern, 10, 15; 8, Weir Systems, 11, 12.

Britain's leading badminton player will not let rivalry spoil a good friendship

Rising quietly to the very top

Fiona Smith, from Burpham in Surrey, has to be one of Britain's quietest champions. As the leading badminton player in England, she came home from the Commonwealth Games with three gold medals from the team event, women's singles and women's doubles, making her England's most successful competitor in any sport in Auckland.

Yet for all her achievements, Smith is the last person to go telling the world of her success. Quiet and soft spoken, she is an unassuming champion. "It's just my manner," she said. "I am in control all the time. It has helped me on court — I seldom lose a game because I am annoyed.

"It is irritating for my opponents because they can't tell what I'm feeling. I make sure nothing distracts me. Opponents can complain or get upset if they want to, it doesn't bother me. In fact, it works against them because I know they aren't concentrating. I suppose I just wear people down."

It has been a hard struggle to the top. Smith has spent 10 years living in the shadow of her arch rival and best friend, Helen Troke, formerly top-ranked British player. At one point the women were jointly ranked No. 1, but in the last 12 months Smith has finally taken the No. 1 position in her own right and now the Commonwealth gold has put the icing on the cake. At the last Games, Troke beat Smith in the final to take the singles title.

"We've known each other since we were 14," Smith said. "I respect Helen as a player and she respects me. Neither of us will loosen up on court. She is just another opponent."

But friendship lasts longer than rivalry. At Smith's wedding, Troke was one of the bridesmaids. When she is not playing, Smith will go to support Troke at tournaments.

"I watch her a lot and want her to win, but the other side of it is I want to win more than her when we are playing together."

Badminton at the Commonwealth Games is something of a marathon with competitors playing every day bar one. And for Smith, winning gold without the supportive presence of her husband, Peter — also a badminton player — and brother, Mark Elliott — also her coach — made success doubly sweet. "It's not as if it's the Olympic Games or world championships," she said. "But it is something no one can ever take away from you. I did it on my own, although I could never have achieved so much without the help of my family."

Not that gold medals bring fame and fortune. There are not many mortgage companies that will accept a badminton player's meagre winnings as security for a loan. And after a few days of celebration with her family and sponsors, Slazenger, it is back to work in preparation for the Uber Cup and the European championships in Moscow in April.

Her one luxury before getting back to the training courts is a skiing holiday she and her husband have been promising themselves for four years. "We never went before because of my badminton," Smith said. "But if we don't go now, we'll never go."

Alix Ramsey

Wearing them down: an unassuming champion, Fiona Smith, and her Auckland medals

SKIING

Italy lead military downhill

Both the Italian Alpini and the British Army retained their downhill titles at Zwiesel, West Germany, during the Portakabin British Services international Alpine championships (a Special Correspondent writes).

Peter Slemmer, of the Scuola Militare Alpini, demonstrated why he is on the verge of World Cup skiing by winning in a time of 1min 36.33sec. Gilles Tronel, of the French air force, and Walter Holzler, of the West German army, were second and third.

Hugh Hutchison led the army to victory in the Combined Services event and he also took the individual award in a time of 1min 43.75sec, which gave him fifteenth place overall.

The national handicap skiers were led home by Mike Hammond, a one-legged skier, who also managed to beat two racers within the military competition.

RESULTS: International: 1, P Slemmer (It), 1min 36.33sec; 2, G Tronel (Fr) 1:37.13; 3, W Holzler (WG) 1:38.81. Team International: 1, Italian Alpini, 106.03pts; 2, France, 166.21; 3, Germany, 203.90; 4, Combined Services, 401.47. Combined Services: Individual: 1, H Hutchison (Army), 1:43.75; 2, G Crawford (Army), 1:45.36; 3, C Bonnington (RAF), 1:45.42. Team: 1, Army, 414.60; 2, RAF, 549.02; 3, Royal Navy, 804.58.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Wigan and its players are well rewarded

By Keith Macklin

Wigan, the Challenge Cup holders and championship leaders, yesterday unveiled the healthiest balance sheet in the club's history. Profits in the last financial year were £280,000, a record. The overdraft has been wiped out and the club is free of debt.

The published figures show that the Wigan players are the highest paid in the game. Among them they picked up just under £600,000 last season in wages and expenses.

Wigan had a total turnover of £1.25 million, with success in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup, in which they beat St Helens in the final at Wembley, bringing in more than £274,000.

Maurice Lindsay, the club chairman, said: "This is the reward for 10 years of hard work and sensible housekeeping, and all the profit will be ploughed back into the club."

Further good news for Wigan is that Andy Goodway, their Great Britain forward, is ahead of the field in the voting for the Man of Steel award, sponsored by Stones Bitter. This is the Rugby League's player of the year award, chosen by the players themselves.

● Widnes are appealing to the Rugby League for a retrial for their Great Britain centre, Andy Currier, who has been banned for eight matches.

The Widnes coach, Doug Laughton, said yesterday: "We have written to the League asking for a retrial because we are convinced Andy should be reprieved."

David Howes, the Rugby League spokesman, said the Widnes request would be referred to the board of directors. "They will have to decide whether a retrial can be held. It would be an unprecedented step," he said.

GOLF

Norman ready to turn tide after poor start

From Mitchell Platts, Golf Correspondent, Queensland

Greg Norman has hit Port Douglas to tackle Nick Faldo, Curtis Strange and Jumbo Ozaki in the Nissan Super Skins, dispel the memory of his poor start to the season and demonstrate that he is still the official world No. 1.

Norman followed an indifferent performance in the Tournament of Champions by disqualifying himself for an infringement of the rules during the Palm Meadows Cup further down the balmy Queensland Gold Coast from here.

He has also met with controversy off the fairways because of the death of a great white shark which occurred last weekend during the filming of a fishing documentary which involved him and Bob Shearer, another Australian golfer. "The shark may have been sacrificed for the sake of publicity," Dr Ian Gordon, a marine scientist, said.

David Leadbetter, whose reputation as a teacher has significantly increased because of his success in coaching Faldo, has entered the discussion as to why Norman in the 1980s won only one major championship, the Open at Turnberry in 1986.

"Greg is like a young racing car driver, often reckless to the point of being dangerous," Leadbetter said. "It seems that mere winning is not enough for him — he has to lap the field a few times as well. That also means that he often blows a fuse or two under the severest of pressure."

"In the Open last year he appeared to be trying to birdie every hole. That is the only way I can explain his choice of shots in two of the play-off holes. He was much too aggressive both on his chip at the 17th and again with his tee shot and first bunker shot at the 18th."

Norman, who will be 35 on Saturday, has won 58 tournaments around the world. He will win more before his career is over, although he will need to be more favourably treated by good fortune if he is to win the major championships he craves.

His immediate target is to dominate the Super Skins — which he was unable to do 12 months ago when Jack Nicklaus won the most money — and then successfully to defend the Australian Masters, which takes place at Huntingdale, Melbourne, next week.

The Skins event, with a prize fund of Aus $675,000, (about £305,000) will be played over 36 holes on Saturday and Sunday. If two or more players tie a hole, initially worth Aus $10,000 (about £4,500) each, rising to Aus $30,000, the prize-money accumulates until one player wins a hole outright.

TENNIS

Zivojinovic pays for Yugoslavia's failure

From Barry Wood, Wellington, New Zealand

Slobodan Zivojinovic, after failing to lead Yugoslavia to victory over the tennis minnows of New Zealand in the Davis Cup last weekend, is to be dropped from the squad and handed over to the army.

He was due to begin a compulsory 12 months' national service at the end of the year, but his failure to defeat Kelly Evernden after leading two sets to love has angered the team captain, Radmilo Armenulic.

"It was the match we should not have lost, and it's likely we'll make way for Slobodan to serve his duty and let in some younger players," he said reflecting on Yugoslavia's 3-2 defeat. "Things are going to change for sure. I can guarantee that no half-hearted players will show up in Yugoslavia's Davis Cup squad any more. The youngsters might also lose, but at least they would fight."

Clare Wood fought, but not very well, in the second round of the Fernleaf Classic here, and was defeated 6-4, 4-6, 6-4 by the Austrian, Beate Reinstadler.

It was absurd that Wood should lose the first set after leading 4-0. But that was courtesy of Reinstadler, ranked 160 to the 159 of Wood, who hardly hit a forehand in court.

The standard of tennis was dreadful. Reinstadler managed to retrieve quite a few balls but did little else. If Wood had fully applied herself, there is no doubt she could have won with ease.

RESULTS: Second round: W Probst (WG) bt A Strnadova (Cz), 5-7, 6-1, 6-0; S Wasserman (Bel) bt S Frankl (WG), 7-5, 6-1; C Tolearoa (NZ) bt D Faber (US), 7-5, 6-2; B Reinstadler (Austria) bt C Wood (GB), 7-5, 6-2.

Castle carries hopes

Andrew Castle, the national champion, kept British hopes alive in the LTA men's challenger tournament at Telford with a straight sets win over Simon Youl, the fourth seed, in the third round yesterday.

Castle recovered from 4-2 down in the first set and saved two set points in the second winning 7-6, 7-6. He faces Peter Nyborg, who was the runner-up last year, following the Swede's victory over Chris Bailey, of Norfolk, yesterday.

RESULTS: Third round: P Nyborg (Swe) bt C Bailey (GB), 6-4, 6-3; A Castle (GB) bt S Youl (Aus), 7-6, 7-6; B Garrow (US) bt C Bergstrom (Swe), 6-2, 6-3; F Santoro (Fr) bt P Baur (WG), 6-3, 1-6, 6-3. Second round: Bailey bt D Botha (SA), 6-4, 6-2; Santoro bt N Utgren (Swe), 6-0, 6-4; Garrow bt N Borwick (Aus), 5-2 rtd; Nyborg bt B Pearce (US), 7-6, 6-1; Castle bt R Weiss (US), 6-3, 6-7, 2-1 ret; Bergstrom bt J Turner, 6-3, 6-1; Baur bt O Soules (Fr), 5-7, 7-6, 6-3; Youl bt A Olhovskiy (USSR), 6-7, 6-4, 7-6.

HOCKEY

Navy denied victory by last-minute goal

By Sydney Friskin

Cambridge Univ..... 2
Royal Navy..... 2

A goal in the last minute from a short corner by Richard Atherton, the Cambridge University captain, deprived the Royal Navy of victory in the annual match at Coldhams Common yesterday.

The absence of the injured Grady caused some dislocation in Cambridge's middle line. First Nienow and then Atherton himself were tried at centre half. But there can be no excuses for the chances they missed at close quarters, particularly in the first half.

Some years have passed since the Navy came to the forefront of services hockey, their skilful blending of youth and experience making them look a lot sharper this season. They beat London University 4-0 on Tuesday, with Spinks scoring two goals. Yesterday he was again conspicuous and Black and McRae shaped well in attack.

The Navy had an early setback when an unfortunate lapse in their defence gave Cambridge the chance to go ahead within three minutes of the start.

Bennett presented Ogle with the chance to run through and he passed to Lloyd, who put a soft shot past the stranded goalkeeper.

Cambridge derived no profit from their first short corner in the tenth minute and there followed a period of Navy ascendancy during which Castledine made two brilliant saves from Spinks, who was not to be denied however and in the 23rd minute cleverly steered home a free hit from the left by Mather to level the score.

Cambridge missed two good chances to regain the lead before the interval, as Hooper and Atherton miscued in front of goal.

The Navy began the second half with Spinks earning a short corner which came to nothing, although Shalcroft was permitted two shots. Askins came close to a score after a move initiated by Watson who eventually gave the Navy the lead in the 22nd minute of the second period from a pass by Black.

Successive spirited Cambridge attacks were successfully beaten back although they twice went tantalizingly close to equalizing. In the end the Navy were a little unlucky to concede a short corner from which Atherton drove the ball into the net off the goalkeeper.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: *T Castledine (Coventry School and Queens'); *R Atherton (Merchant Taylors' Crosby and Downing); M Barber (Framwellgate Moor and Pembroke), P Doel (Perse and Trinity Hall), A Clark (Charterhouse and Magdalene), *N Hooper (Pangbourne College and Emmanuel), *P Nienow (King Edward VI Birmingham and St John's), P Varnish (Coventry School and Churchill), *S Ogle (Manchester GS and Clare), R Lloyd (Hitchin and St John's, sub: J Jones (Dulwich College and St John's)), *W Priestly (Tonbridge and Trinity Hall).

ROYAL NAVY: Cdr N King; Sub-Lt G Dalesmith, Mne C Chalcraft, CPO Henry, CPO G Mather, Lt M Bennett (sub: LAEM M Ardagh), Wtr L Watson, Lt S Askins, LEM T Spinks (sub: PO N Walker), Sub-Lt S Black, CPO D McRae.

Umpires: D Rose (Eastern Counties) and Flt Sgt B Coffey (RAF).

* a Blue

FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Arsenal v Queen's Park Rangers (7.0).
FONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Huddersfield v Notts County. Second division: Middlesbrough v Mansfield.
BEAZER HOMES: Westgate Insurance Cup: Fourth round, first leg: Gloucester v Redditch.

RUGBY LEAGUE

SLALOM LAGER ALLIANCE: Bramley v Wakefield Trinity.

OTHER SPORT

BOXING: Derek Angol v Eddie Smith (USA) (Elephant and Castle).
SNOOKER: Benson and Hedges Masters (Wembley).

SPORT ON TV

BADMINTON: Eurosport 2-3pm: Highlights of the World Grand Prix finals from Singapore.
BASKETBALL: Screensport 2.30-4pm and 10.30pm-midnight: College match and America League: Eurosport 7-8pm: Highlights from the European circuit.
EUROSPORT MENU: Eurosport 8.30-9am.
FOOTBALL: Eurosport 9-11am and 9.05-11pm, Screensport 4-6 and 7.30-9.15pm: Spanish League: Virginia v NC State, and football from Argentina.
FORD SNOW REPORT: Eurosport 9-9.05pm.
GOLF: Screensport 10am-midday: United States PGA: Highlights of the AT and T Pebble Beach Open: Eurosport 1-2, 3-5 and 5-6pm: Highlights of the Jamaica Classic from Montego Bay. Parts one and two, and the United States Skins game.
ICE HOCKEY: Screensport 8-10am: National Hockey League.
MOBIL MOTOR SPORT NEWS: Eurosport 6-6.30pm.
POWERSPORTS INTERNATIONAL and SPECIAL: Screensport 7-8am and 12-1am (tomorrow).
RUGBY LEAGUE: Screensport 12.45-2.15pm: Highlights of the 1990 French Cup: Quarter-finals.
SNOOKER: BBC2 4-5pm and BBC1 11pm-12.10am: Coverage of the Benson and Hedges Masters from Wembley.
SPAIN SPORT: Screensport 2.15-2.30pm.
TENPIN BOWLING: Screensport 9.15-10.30pm: Highlights of the 1990 Winter tour.
UPDATE: Screensport 7.30pm.
WATER POLO: Screensport 6-7.30pm: Highlights of France v World All-Stars (1989).
YACHTING: Screensport 12-12.45pm: Highlights of the 1989 Ultimate race: Third round.

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Bishops Yarn looks principal threat to Desert Orchid

By Mandarin
(Michael Phillips)

Ascot's loss yesterday is undoubtedly Wincanton's gain today because, instead of contesting the Charterhouse Mercantile Handicap Chase on the Berkshire course, Desert Orchid was diverted west at the eleventh hour to the Somerset track for this afternoon's Racing In Wessex Chase.

Two things are clear from the outset. First the horse that everyone loves to watch now has an even better chance of recording his thirtieth victory than he did yesterday — today's race is a conditions event whereas yesterday's was a handicap.

Also, it will not simply be a case of giving an exhibition of jumping before an adoring audience, who have seen him win five times already.

Instead of facing only two, three or four opponents, as has been the case here in the past, Desert Orchid now has eight, the pick of whom is Bishops Yarn.

Having beaten Midnight Count over a similar trip at Haydock last month before being just outstayed by Nick The Brief over further on his return to the Lancashire track, Bishops Yarn is very much the horse in form.

The same cannot be said of Bartres, the winner of the corresponding race 12 months ago, or Joint Sovereignty who ran badly at Cheltenham in December after winning the Mackeson Gold Cup there so bravely the previous month.

Yesterday's rain will have ensured that conditions underfoot are now very much to Bishops Yarn's liking. Yet, bearing in mind that Desert Orchid has at least 21lb in hand of his rival, Bishops Yarn cannot be considered a betting prospect.

Trefelyn Cone, on the other hand, looks a sound investment to win the Hoechst Panacur EBF Mares Only Novices' Hurdle Qualifier, even though she is trained by Martin Pipe (something which usually ensures a short price) and even though her three wins this season have all been gained in National Hunt flat races.

For Trefelyn Cone will not enter the fray without any experience of jumping in public as she won a couple of point-to-points last spring. Harness that experience to her schooling at home and that ability to win three bumpers off the trot, and she looks nap material to cope with Cadford Girl, Bremhill Rosie, Cooks Lawn, Fair Agnes and Rosie Marchioness on these terms.

Later in the day, stable companion Malamute Saloon, a 30,000 guinea cast-off from Henry Cecil's Flat yard, can open his jumping account by winning the Fovant Novices' Hurdle, following that promising initial performance at Chepstow when second to Man For All Season.

On the all-weather surface at Southwell, the remarkable Alex Greaves success story can continue apace with Super One looking an appropriately-named probable sixteenth winner for the crack female apprentice in the Old Clipstone Claiming Stakes Qualifier.

First time out Super One finished 1½ lengths behind Able Player on the track when they were both put in their place by Great Service. Now Super One will be meeting Able Player on 6lb better terms.

With the all-weather form working out well in the main, the Design Contractors New Balderton Claiming Stakes should be won by Masked Ball, a course and distance winner last time out, while the Gamston Handicap can go to Qualitair Aviator, another to have excelled at Southwell already.

Inspection at Newbury

There will be an inspection at midday today to determine prospects for tomorrow's Newbury meeting. The going at the Berkshire course is heavy.

Frank Osgood, the racecourse manager, said yesterday: "We have had an inch of rain since last night and there are small pools of water on the course."

Tomorrow's feature race at Newbury is the Stroud Green Hurdle while Saturday's highlight is the £50,000 Tote Gold Trophy, which, as the Schweppes Gold Trophy, was lost to the weather three times during the Eighties.

The meetings scheduled for Ludlow yesterday and Huntingdon today were both called off yesterday following morning inspections. Both tracks are waterlogged.

Blinkered first time

SOUTHWELL: 2.40 Captain Brown. 3.10 Anbak.

Top French chaser heads for festival

Tito L'Effronte, the leading chaser in France, is to be sent over for next month's National Hunt Festival at Cheltenham.

The five-year-old, who won more than £200,000 on the French circuit last year, was yesterday described as a certain runner in the £50,000 Waterford Crystal Stayers' Hurdle by Jean Dasque, his owner-trainer.

Tito L'Effronte limbered up for his British venture with a weekend victory amid the snow-capped Pyrenees at Pau racecourse. Charles Aubert, the winning jockey there, will again take the mount at Cheltenham.

Dasque is having a second crack at the premier prize for staying hurdlers. Richebourg, his challenger last year, finished a creditable seventh behind Rustle after almost tumbling over two flights from home.

Dasque is planning a return trip to England the following month when he is likely to have two runners at the Liverpool Grand National meeting.

Among the 8,000 crowd at Pau on Sunday was Edward Gillespie, Cheltenham's general manager, who said yesterday: "Tito L'Effronte won in good style and will certainly add an exciting international flavour to the festival."

There were no surprises among the entries, announced yesterday, for the main Cheltenham races.

David Elsworth, as expected, has entered Desert Orchid for the Queen Mother Champion Chase in addition to the Tote Cheltenham Gold Cup. Barnbrook Again, his stable companion, also holds both engagements.

Carvill's Hill and Maid Of Money are the only Irish entries for the Gold Cup but there are six from Ireland among the 37 in the Waterford Crystal Champion Hurdle.

Beech Road, the reigning champion, heads the entries and his trainer, Toby Balding, has also entered Morley Street and South Parade.

Martin Pipe has just one representative, Sondrio, who has not run since winning the Waterford Crystal Supreme Novices' Hurdle at the festival last year.

Cheltenham entries

CHELTENHAM GOLD CUP (3m 2f): Aquilifer, Ballyhane, Barnbrook Again, Bishops Yarn, Bob Tisdall, Bonanza Boy, Brown Windsor, Call Collect, Carrick Hill Lad, Carvill's Hill, Cawlee Clown, Celtic Shot, Cool Ground, Desert Orchid, Envopak Token, Golden Freeze, Kildimo, Maid Of Money, Midnight Count, Nick The Brief, Norton's Coin, Over The Road, Pegwell Bay, Phoenix Gold, Playschool, Rusch De Farges, Ten Of Spades, The Bakewell Boy, The Thinker, Toby Tobias, Twin Oaks, Yahoo. To be run on March 15.

CHAMPION HURDLE (2m): Bank View, Beech Road, Cruising Attitude, Deep Sensation, Dis Train, Don Valentino, Elementary, Floyd, Flying Zlad, Fourth Of July, Grabel, Ikdam, Island Set, Jinxy Jack, Joyful Noise, Kribensis, Lapierre, Maelkar, Mole Board, Morley Street, Naevog, Nomadic Way, Osric, Past Glories, Penny Forum, Persian Style, Rampallion, Redundant Pal, See You Then, Sondrio, South Parade, Space Fair, Sudden Victory, Vagador, Valrodien, Vayrua, Vicario Di Bray. To be run on March 13.

QUEEN MOTHER CHAMPION CHASE (2m): Barnbrook Again, Brookmount, Clever Folly, Desert Orchid, Ferada, Ida's Delight, Impertain, Meldeour, Midnight Count, Panto Prince, Pearlyman, Private Views, Sabin Du Loir, Waterloo Boy, Wolf Of Badenoch. To be run on March 14.

Terminator in gamble for Lincoln

Terminator, trained by Jimmy Fitzgerald, was the subject of a major gamble for the William Hill Lincoln yesterday.

The sponsors report hefty interest in the seven-year-old and make him 12-1 clear favourite, from 33-1, having laid him to take out £100,000.

Corals have cut his odds from 33-1 to 14-1, having laid him to lose £80,000, and he is now joint-favourite with last year's runner-up, Ottergayle.

Terminator won twice as a four-year-old in 1987 when trained by Henry Candy and finished third to Balthus in that year's Cambridgeshire.

He has not run under either code since an outing over hurdles at Kempton 26 months ago but Fitzgerald has no peers at laying out a horse for a big handicap

Zako was in heavy Grand National demand yesterday with Corals, who have laid him to lose £80,000 and reduced his price from 25-1 to 16-1. Stan Mellor's nine-year-old, the winner of his last three races, has been allotted 9st 11lb at Liverpool.

Also well backed for the National yesterday were Call Collect and Lastofthebrownies, both 20-1 from 33-1 with Hills.

The same firm report support for Guy Harwood's Digression for the Derby and he is now 16-1 from 25-1.

Alec Russell dies, aged 73

Alec Russell, whose riding career lasted almost 40 years, has died in hospital. He was 73.

Russell partnered his first winner in 1935 and was still riding in 1973 at the age of 57. His big race victories included the Free Handicap and the Sussex Stakes but he will be best remembered for riding all six winners at Bogside in 1957.

Margery Nightingall, a prominent member of the famous Epsom racing family, died on Monday. She was 87.

Alec Russell obituary, page 14

Farrell's lucky escape

Patrick Farrell had a fortunate escape from serious injury at Southwell yesteday when Grey Speck slipped on the turn into the home straight while leading on the first circuit of the Curate Novices' Handicap Hurdle.

Farrell was lucky not to be trampled on by the other seven runners, getting away with nothing worse than a bruised left leg. The horse crashed through the plastic rails but was unscathed.

A steward inspected the spot where the accident happened and decided that Grey Speck, who was wearing blinkers for the first time, had shied at the rail for no obvious reason. No further action was taken.

Victory went to Sirocko Bay, who was breaking the ice after 23 attempts.

Results from yesterday's two meetings

Ascot

Going: soft

1.30 (2m hdle) 1, WHATEVER YOU LIKE (J White, 5-1); 2, Man Of The West (M Dwyer, 11-2); 3, Atlasi (G McCourt, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Riverhead (4th), 5 Tinryland. 9 Lapierre, 20 Book Of Gold (pu), Dark Honey (5th), 33 Proving (6th), 66 Count Me Out (pu). 10 ran. ½l, 1½l, 1½l, 12l, 4l. N Henderson at Lambourn. Tote: £4.80; £1.90, £1.60, £2.30. DF: £12.20. CSF: £31.04.

2.0 (2m ch) 1, WINK GULLIVER (R Arnott, 4-1); 2, Western Dandy (B Powell, 8-1); 3, Another Coral (R Dunwoody, 13-8 fav). ALSO RAN: 5 Fuego Boy (5th), 9 Setter Country (4th), 10 Beau Guest (ur), 33 Lumley Lake (6th). 7 ran. 5l, 12l, 1l, ½l, 25l. D Elsworth at Whitsbury. Tote: £5.20; £2.50, £3.50. DF: £16.50. CSF: £29.35.

2.30 (3m hdle) 1, RYDE AGAIN (G McCourt, 11-4); 2, Calstrone (R Dunwoody, 6-1); 3, Brabazon (B Powell, 25-1). ALSO RAN: Evens fav Mrs Muck (5th), 10 Timely Star (6th), 12 Pragada (4th), 16 Miss Nero, Santella Bobkos, 50 Mineral Dust (pu), 66 Glen Oak, Sterne Illusion. 11 ran. 3l, 2½l, 1½l, 5l, 7l. P Cundell (pu).

RUGBY UNION: FITNESS OF LINEEN AT CENTRE GIVES HOSTS THEIR ONLY DOUBT FOR FIVE NATIONS' CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH AT MURRAYFIELD

Scotland put trust in same squad for match with France

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

It did not take too long for the Scottish selectors to decide on an unchanged squad for their five nations' championship match against France at Murrayfield on February 17. Victory away from home is always a satisfactory beginning to the championship, even if the 13-10 win over Ireland could scarcely be described as comfortable.

The only doubt affecting their deliberations concerns Sean Lineen, the centre, who has a strained shoulder joint and bruising on one arm. Donald MacLeod, the Scottish Rugby Union doctor, has advised him not to play for Boroughmuir against Heriot's FP this weekend, but there is optimism that he will be fit to face the French, whose team will not be known until Sunday.

The Scots will be as aware as anybody that they were not at their best at Lansdowne Road; nor, it might be said, did England find their best form against the Irish until deep into the final quarter of their game at Twickenham last month. But the selectors are confident in the ability of their team to raise their game before their own supporters and against opponents who notoriously find it difficult to win in Edinburgh; it is 12 years since France last did so, and then only by three points.

"We appreciate that the team wasn't firing on all 15 cylinders and the coaches will be working on the problem areas," Bob Munro, the convenor of selectors, said. In the absence at the weekend of Ian McGeechan, the national coach, who was unwell, Jim Telfer's was the leading coaching voice in selection, though McGeechan is now happily restored to fitness.

There were some reservations expressed about the Scottish locks at the weekend but again, drawing a line through England's performance, Ackford and Dooley took over an hour to establish any dominance in the lineout against Ireland who have the capability to upset even the most organized jumpers. So Gray and Cronin retain their places, despite those who advocate a first cap for the promising Shade Munro (Glasgow High/Kelvinside).

Any concern about Gavin Hastings's goal-kicking is alleviated by the fact that Craig Chalmers offers such a dependable option. Hastings has the odd off-day with the boot but more than 250 points in 21 internationals is a good argument to have on one's side.

Moreover, the full back, who gave way to Chalmers as kicker in the second half of last Saturday's match, scored 18 points on his international debut, against France, and 16 points two years later in the equivalent fixture. On his most recent appearance against the French, for the four home unions XV in Paris last October, he added another 22 to the tally.

SCOTLAND (v France): A G Hastings (London Scottish); A G Stanger (Hawick), S Hastings (Watsonians), S R P Lineen (Boroughmuir).

NICK GOLDFINGER

Psychological boost: Thomas demonstrates that a woman's work is never done during a Saracens coaching session

Saracens must do without Kennedy

By David Hands

Andy Kennedy, the leading points-scorer for Saracens, will miss his club's fourth round Pilkington Cup tie at Moseley on Saturday. Kennedy, who is twelfth in the national scoring chart with 170, has had a minor knee operation and his place on the wing goes to McLagan.

The place-kicking will be done by Rudling, the stand-off half, in a XV otherwise unchanged from that which beat Nuneaton in the last round. Leonard (loose-head prop), Buckton (centre) and Clarke (No. 8) take their places after successful outings in France last weekend with England B and England Students.

Moseley field the side which beat Berry Hill, so Cox retains the hooking berth with the capable assistance of Linnett, England's replacement prop in Paris. In the other all first-division fixture, Nottingham, at home to Orrell, retain the side which beat Rosslyn Park which leaves no room for Hartley, the England B centre who has spent so much of the season recovering from a throat injury.

Barley, who was also in Paris last weekend for the B international, returns to lead Wakefield against Northampton from centre but the Yorkshire club prefer Burman at tight-head prop.

Away from the cup, Wasps (beaten by Gloucester in the last round) play Waterloo at Sudbury and give a first team debut to Buzza at full back. The Cambridge University student will welcome the chance of a senior game, since he has spent as much time at training weekends or as a replacement as he has playing these last six weeks.

He will want to retain his ranking as deputy to Hodgkinson, the England full back, in the hope of being chosen for the XV which plays Italy in May in a match for which caps will not be awarded. Wasps' four present internationals, Bailey, Andrew, Rendall and Probyn, are rested but Bates and Clough play against Waterloo.

Bath trio to coach Romania

By Peter Bills

The Romanian authorities have asked Bath's coaches to prepare them for their international against France in May. The request to seek the assistance of the chief coach, Jack Rowell, his assistant, Dave Robson, and the fitness expert, Tom Hudson, is further evidence of the Romanians' desire to enhance contacts with the West now that the Ceausescu era is over.

Romanian rugby is impoverished in the wake of years of neglect. But with an international against France to be played at Auch on May 24, the Romanians want to experience the professional preparation which has gone a long way towards making Bath the success club of the 1980s in Britain.

Robson says that he and his colleagues regard the offer as a credit to the name and reputation of their club. "We would very much like to accept," he said. "But the problem is in trying to find two weeks when we can be away from families and businesses to go to Romania and work with their squad. However, the will to do so exists."

Bath have links with Romanian rugby: they met Steaua Bucharest at the Recreation Ground in September. The request for the services of the club's renowned coaches was received verbally. Written confirmation is on the way.

Already, Robson said, he and his colleagues were starting to study videos on Romanian rugby in recent seasons. "But I would think we would also have to go to Romania before May because we know very little about them," he said.

The final of the French club championship is being held in Paris two days after the match at Auch and the Romanians want the Bath experts to see that game with them.

Bath have received tentative permission from the Rugby Football Union to stage a four-team event over five days in the West Country, with funds raised going to Romanian rugby. Bath and the Romanian national team are involved. Either the French national side or the Soviet international squad will be the other overseas visitors, together with another British team.

There is disappointment that the RFU refused permission for the tournament to be staged over August Bank Holiday weekend, August 25 to 27.

Saracens look to feminine logic

By Michael Stevenson

At a time when heated debate still has to precede the admission of women into cricket's pavilions, it must be encouraging to feminist sympathizers to learn that one of the country's leading rugby clubs is being coached by a woman.

The club is Saracens, who play in the first division of the Courage Clubs Championship, and whose coach, Tony Russ, has enlisted Alma Thomas, who as a sports psychologist is already an important member of the England 16 Group coaching team, to advise on the mental side of the game and its coaching.

Thomas, who is head of the physical education department at Bedford College of Further Education, looks after her husband, David, the former Llanelli and London Welsh flanker, and their 18-year-old twins, Gethin and Justine; she also finds time to attend conferences and publish regularly on sports psychology, to run for around 40 minutes every day and to coach the England 16 group and Saracens.

Recently she has admitted that her schedule had become overloaded and that something had to give. It will be surprising if it is rugby.

Thomas's first contact with rugby coaching was when John Davies, having heard her deliver a paper on the psychology of children in competitive sport, invited her to join Michael Williams and himself in the coaching of the England 16 Group.

Williams has no doubts as to the impact she has made. "I have become a better coach since Alma joined the 16 Group set-up four years ago," he said. "She has made me aware that there is more to coaching than skills and technique. She inspires tremendous confidence and, for example, is brilliant with the goal-kickers."

Williams argues that if two teams are equally skilful and fit, the one that is better prepared psychologically will win. "This must be recognized in rugby as it has been in football," he said.

The contact with Saracens came after Russ had discussed the situation with his players and committee: "If I was to drive the squad forward that extra two or three per cent, I needed help with the mental side," he said.

As soon as Thomas's involvement with the club had been agreed, she introduced a modified version of the system used for the England 16 Group.

"I have a psychological profile of every player in the first and second squads related to the game in general and his position in particular," she said. "A player's mental strengths and weaknesses are examined and an individual psychological programme to help him is devised."

A player's typical reaction to analysis will often be: "I know about that but I don't know what to do about it." It is Thomas's job to tell him. If his concentration is weak or variable she must work to improve it; she must be sure that the player really understands what motivation is. Above all, the players will learn the values of positive thinking, that negative energy can only guarantee poor performance.

Saracens' improvement this season has been spectacular, and much credit is due to Russ and his coaching team. Before they met the mighty Gloucester away, Russ asked Thomas if anything could be done to prepare for the challenge of a daunting fixture. She arranged a specially designed session, and Saracens drew a match that most people had expected them to lose.

Thomas, a former Olympic hurdler and pentathlete, attends every training session at the club in all weathers and watches every First XV match home and away. She enjoys her work, but admits that occasionally in training sessions in gales and rain, she will ask herself: "What on earth am I doing here?"

She knows the answers. She is helping sportsmen; she is doing something that gives her real satisfaction and in the process she is helping to push back the frontiers of chauvinism.

Gregory again aids Sheffield's cause

By Michael Austin

Coventry Poly 4
Sheffield Poly 7

Inspiration at half back on a miserable afternoon made for the forward grind enabled Sheffield to achieve a once-improbable win over Coventry and qualify for the semi-finals of the British Polytechnics Cup at Westwood Heath yesterday.

Sheffield reached this stage for the third consecutive time having lost in the final and semi-final in successive seasons to Wales, the champions for the past two years.

Fittingly, Gregory, the outside half, who scored all of Sheffield's points in the 20-12 defeat last year, made a significant contribution to a winning cause, along with Saverimutto, a scrum half who plays for New Brighton.

Gregory landed a penalty goal with wind assistance from 45 yards to establish a three points advantage which scarcely seemed enough at half-time. Later, he obliterated Coventry's brief lead when scoring a push-over try, a rarity for a player outside the pack.

With considerable presence of mind, Gregory added his weight to a scrum on the line and plunged on the ball to superimpose a bizarre twist on a day of mud, driving rain, swaying goalposts and touch-flags bent almost double in a half-gale.

Sheffield's match-winning secret was better use of the wind and a stubborn refusal to lose their rythhm after replacing a forward and conceding a try.

Saverimutto showed the ability to take Sheffield forward with low kicks into the wind. His forwards followed eagerly and Coventry made the fundamental error in these ski-pan conditions of not keeping the ball close enough to their pack, especially as it included Fairn and Crang, who have played at first class level for the Coventry club at Coundon Road.

Hunter, the right wing, scored Coventry's try from a tapped penalty.

SCORERS: Coventry Polytechnic: Try: Hunter. Sheffield Polytechnic: Try: Gregory. Penalty: Gregory.

COVENTRY POLYTECHNIC: G Stanton; J Hunter, S Walkden, E Rintoul, J Howland; J Millachip, S Clitheroe; A Griffiths, C Crang, J Wingham, N Church, D Acford, C Dickinson, S Fairn, S Lusk.

SHEFFIELD POLYTECHNIC: M Leopard; M Wildgoose, P Rouse, D Hill, N Vanham; G Gregory, C Saverimutto; R Moss, E Luckam, D Fitzgerald, M Yeoman, C Davies, W Davison (rep: D Franklin), M Winefield, M Mills.

Referee: G Cowley (Warwickshire).

Swansea impress with their union

By Mark Herbert

Brunel University 3
Swansea University 53

Swansea University have had their share of criticism this season, mostly along the lines that their talented individuals have yet to gel as a team. The ruthless display they gave in beating Brunel University by three goals, eight tries and a penalty goal to a penalty goal, amid appalling conditions in the Commercial Union UAU quarter-final at Uxbridge yesterday, showed that some unity is emerging.

Brunel, missing five first-choice players, never looked like testing last season's finalists, but the manner in which Swansea won impressed. The backs made the running game they elected to play look simple, in spite of facing a vicious wind whipping across the saturated, cloying pitch.

A sniping run brought Moore a try from the first threequarter move of the game; Hayward, the No. 8, supporting Jones's break on the blind, crashed over in the corner for the first of his three tries; a simple loop move took Powell over; Langley broke the backs' monopoly by scoring from close range.

Collishaw, in the middle of the deluge, bounced a penalty off the bar for Brunel's points, before Adebayo danced through the morass for one try, then an electrifying burst through the middle set up Hayward.

With Swansea leading 27-3 at the break, the game then lost impetus. Hayward scored his third, converted by Powell. Moore dived over from close range for his second. Miller added another and Howley, replacing Adebayo who limped off after aggravating an ankle strain, created Moore's third. Powell neatly sidestepped his way over to seal the game.

Swansea face Bristol University at Newbridge in the semi-final next Wednesday.

SCORERS: Brunel University: Penalty goal: Collshaw. Swansea University: Tries: Moore (3), Hayward (3), Powell (2), Langley, Adebayo, Miller. Conversions: Powell (2), Ball. Penalty goal: Powell.

BRUNEL UNIVERSITY: M Farclough; D Weller, J Callighan, G Collishaw, A McBane; A Greasley (rep: S Nethercote), C Adams; L Caddy, R Jordan, A Baker, T Langton, T Longman, M Bazeley, A Newcombe, D Bridge.

SWANSEA UNIVERSITY: R Jones; P Hopkinson, J Ball, P Flood (rep: G Frizr), A Adebayo (rep: R Howley); J Powell, H Moore; D Francis, R Tandy, K Miller, D Watkins, M Langley, J Lewis, M Bennett, A Hayward.

Referee: D Morgan (London).

● Loughborough, the holders of the UAU title, were unable to play their delayed quarter-final at Exeter University yesterday because of the weather.

Manchester's fury creates sound start

By Michael Stevenson

Manchester University 22
Leicester University 3

Leicester University arrived so late for their meeting with Manchester University at The Firs, Fallowfield that the game kicked off almost an hour late in gathering gloom. Manchester University seemed so incensed by this occurrence that they played most of the first half at a furious pace.

Thereafter they reverted to being perfect gentlemen as they ran out of ire and desperately little happened.

Manchester were good value for their victory by a goal and five tries to a penalty and they were dependent for their best moves in the difficult conditions on their talented stand-off half, Wood.

Manchester's first points were created by Adair, the hooker and their outstanding forward. Wood hoisted high, Matthews was caught in possession and when the ball squirted out of the ruck, Adair picked up, beat one man, bumped off another and threw a high pass to his left wing, Riley, who scored.

Immediately Manchester's pressure paid off again. Cornelius drove almost to the line and Swinson stole away from the blind side of a ruck to score a fine try wide out, which Murray converted.

Leicester were a little unlucky with their only score, as it seemed likely that Matthews would have gone over from a dropped pass; but obstruction was decreed and Hamilton kicked the goal to make it 14-3 at the interval.

Little happened in the early stages of the second half. Aber's brilliant tackling in the centre for the losers snuffed out any hope of threequarter play and Wood's leg injury following a half-break threw Manchester into some disarray.

They went further ahead when consistent pressure was rewarded with a tapped penalty from which Llowarch scored and in the closing seconds of the match Cornelius crowned a busy and fruitful performance with Manchester's final try.

SCORERS: Manchester University: Tries: Riley, Swinson, Hartigan, Llowarch, Cornelius. Conversion: Murray. Leicester University: Penalty goal: Hamilton.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY: D Haysom; K Mbanuzue, R Murray, P Hartigan, A Riley; G Wood (rep: M Brown), B Swinson; E Collins, A Adair, D Llowarch, A Smith, W Fraser, T Milton, I Cornelius, D Sturgess.

LEICESTER UNIVERSITY: A Richmond; S Williams, M Duggan, M Aber, D Church; E Hamilton, S Turner; B Reynolds, K Hayes, T Parkes (rep: C Hoam), J Appleby, S Monk, B Lord, N Matthews, A Craig.

Referee: M Hamlin (Manchester and District).

Bulgaria's IOC man is deprived of liberty

By David Miller

Ivan Slavkov, the Bulgarian member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), who was a leader of the campaign to ensure that Eastern European nations attended the Olympic Games in Seoul, is under house arrest in Sofia.

The action against him is part of reprisals being taken by the Bulgarian regime against the family and associates of Todor Zhivkov, the recently deposed head of state. Slavkov, president of the Bulgarian Olympic committee since 1982, and minister of culture from 1976 to 1981, was married to Zhivkov's daughter, Ljudmila.

Yet throughout his professional career, including his 10 years as an innovative director-general of Bulgarian television, Slavkov was constantly in open conflict with the policies and actions of his father-in-law. He is regarded throughout Eastern Europe, and throughout the Olympic movement, as one of the foremost liberal thinkers in sport in the communist world. His contribution to Bulgarian international sport, and to Sofia's unsuccessful bid for the Winter Olympics of 1992 and 1994, has been unceasing and unselfish. There is no more honest man in the Balkans.

A member of the IOC administrative staff, in a position to observe members at close quarters, said yesterday: "I never saw Slavkov in any way put his own position to advantage. To the contrary, he worked so hard for sport, and it is farcical that he should be accused of assisting the old regime."

At the heart of Slavkov's present victimization is the fact that his late wife, who died following a car accident, was involved in a celebrated affair with Alexander Lilov, a former No. 2 in Zhivkov's Politburo. Lilov, who was dismissed, tried in vain to persuade Ljudmila to divorce Slavkov.

Lilov has re-emerged as a prominent figure in the past few weeks. The party has attempted, without success, to find Slavkov guilty of financial impropriety with either the IOC or the Association of National Olympic Committees. Slavkov's record is irreproachable.

He has now been accused of illegal possession of firearms: two museum-piece antique Winchester rifles from the American Civil War, and a damaged war-trophy, a US automatic presented to him in Vietnam.

The Bulgarian Consul in Berne, Plamen Bunzin, has attempted to trick Slavkov's son Todor, aged 18, who is at university in Fribourg, north of Lausanne, into returning home. A prominent Swiss lawyer, Pierre Sciclounoff, has intervened, with a diplomatic protest delivered to the Bulgarians.

It was Slavkov who adroitly reduced tension over the defection of a Bulgarian weightlifter to Turkey in 1988. His statesmanship is widely admired, and the Bulgarians will lose friends, and advantages, by their harassment of such a respected international figure. Boris Stankovic, the Yugoslav IOC member, visited him at home last Sunday.

CRICKET

Yorkshire facing new threat

By Martin Searby

Yorkshire, the county which has a habit of shooting itself in the foot, appears to have done it again. At least one member is so wounded that he is posing a threat to the annual general meeting to be held in Sheffield on February 24.

Giles Firbank, who lives in Hampshire, has put down a motion proposing the 23-man committee is reduced to 16. But Yorkshire have written to the members advising them to vote against the plan and also to oppose two other resolutions, a move which appears to contravene an undertaking given two years ago by the then president, Viscount Mountgarret.

"His intention was to give members parity of opportunity in these matters and that has been denied me," Firbank said. "The advice I have received is that I could legally demand an extraordinary general meeting if the vote goes against me."

"However, I am willing to settle for Yorkshire distributing a leaflet setting out my case, even though I know I shall have missed the opportunity to influence those who have already voted." The club accepted that official letters denied members an equal hearing.

England show an all-round improvement

Perth — England, whose poor batting performance on the first day of the final youth international match against Australia had left them with much to do, staged a sturdy recovery yesterday (a Special Correspondent writes).

Australia, who had resumed their first innings at 233 for five, were bowled out for 345. Hallett was England's best bowler with five for 73 after Grayson, the left-arm spinner, had made the initial breakthrough.

England, having lost Grayson early on, recovered with a 76-run stand for the second wicket by Holloway and Crawley. Crawley was caught with the score at 80, and although Holloway, who had batted doggedly for his 44, was out with the score on 100, Keech and Hallett saw England through.

SCORES: England Young Cricketers 71 (S G Cottrell 6 for 40) and 123 for 3 (P C L Holloway 44, J P Crawley 43); Australia Young Cricketers 345 (J C Young 88, B R Ruddell 68, L D Harper 53, W J Adam 46 not out; J C Hallett 5 for 73).

SNOW REPORTS

SCOTLAND

Cairngorm: snow level, 2,000ft; vertical runs, 1,200ft. Runs: upper, all complete, narrow; middle, some complete, narrow; lower, patches; access roads clear; chairlifts, three open; tows, seven open. Glenshee: snow level, 2,200ft; vertical runs, 800ft. Runs: upper, Cairnwell and Butcharts complete, others narrow; lower, no skiing; access roads clear; chairlifts, Cairnwell open; tows, two open. Lecht: snow level, 2,000ft, no vertical runs. Runs: no skiing on main or beginner. Aonach Mor: snow level, 2,000ft; vertical runs, 1,700ft. Runs: upper, heavy snow, runs complete; lower, runs complete; access roads clear; gondola, chairlift and four tows, open. Skiing good where off piste. Glencoe: snow level, 800ft; vertical runs, 1,600ft. Forecast: Westerly winds reaching gale or severe gale force over the hills, with a freezing level of around 2,000ft. There will be heavy showers, falling as snow above 1,000ft, so good prospects for skiing, although the winds will remain a hazard to skiers. Outlook: Windy for most of the time with gales over the hills. Some intervals, but regular showers.

● Information supplied by the Scottish Meteorological Office.

SNOW REPORTS

AUSTRIA	L	U
Bad Kleinkirchheim	40	40
Innsbruck/Igls	0	5
Ischgl	5	60
Kitzbühel	10	25
Lech	20	40
Mayrhofen	0	30
Obergurgl	25	90
Saalbach/Hinterglemm	0	20
St Anton	30	70
Schladming	10	40
Seefeld	5	20
Soldan	5	40
Söll	5	15
Zell am See	10	30

● Information supplied by the Austrian National Tourist Office.

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	Conditions Piste	Conditions Off/P	Runs to resort	Weather + temp (5pm)	°C	Last snow fall
ANDORRA								
Soldeu	30	120	good	heavy	fair	fine	5	1/2
Still good skiing on upper slopes.								
AUSTRIA								
Kitzbühel	5	30	worn	varied	closed	fine	6	2/2
All piste becoming worn and rocky. Spring skiing conditions.								
Obergurgl	25	90	worn	varied	fair	fine	6	3/2
Skiing conditions good on upper runs in Hochgurgl.								
St Anton	30	70	worn	varied	art	fine	5	2/2
Fair snow cover most upper slopes. Some north facing slopes good in limited areas.								
FRANCE								
Isola 2000	35	70	good	varied	good	fair	-2	27/1
Good sunny skiing on all north facing slopes. Some south facing and lower runs icy and worn.								
Les Arcs	45	65	fair	varied	icy	fine	7	3/2
Good skiing available especially newly opened Grand Col. Most pistes have rocky areas.								
Tignes	25	125	fair	varied	fair	fine	5	2/2
Good skiing for all levels on Grande Motte glacier.								
Val d'Isère	36	81	good	crust	good	fine	5	3/2
Good skiing on most slopes. Rocky areas lower slopes of Solaise and Bellevarde.								
Val Thorens	35	100	fair	heavy	fair	fine	3	3/2
Best skiing on Cime de Caron and Montee du Fond. New Rosael lift connecting Maurienne valley now open.								
ITALY								
Cervinia	30	60	good	varied	good	fine	4	2/2
All pistes still providing good skiing. Few worn areas.								
SWITZERLAND								
Crans Montana	5	75	good	varied	closed	fine	7	3/2
Good skiing still to be found around Bella Lui and Plaine Morte, but some slopes becoming quite rocky.								
Gstaad	5	115	fair	heavy	closed	fine	8	2/2
Reasonable skiing on upper slopes. Lower slopes worn.								
Klosters	3	25	fair	crust	icy	fine	5	3/2
Most slopes hard and icy in morning. Still some good Skiing on upper slopes.								
St Moritz	20	60	fair	crust	good	fine	4	2/2
Very good skiing on north facing slopes. Worn patches on south facing slopes. Springlike conditions.								
Verbier	35	80	good	varied	closed	fine	3	2/2
Great piste skiing above 2500m. No queues, even on glacier.								
Wengen	0	5	fair	varied	closed	fine	7	2/2
Spring skiing conditions.								
Zermatt	5	70	fair	varied	closed	fine	3	2/2
Still good skiing on glacier and Sunegga. Limited Runs open on Gornergrat. Large queues.								

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper, and art to artificial.

Tough for Harris

Del Harris of Essex, the British champion and England No. 1, faces the world champion, Jansher Khan, in the second round of the Leeks Welsh Classic squash tournament in Cardiff from February 21 to 25. Both meet qualifiers in the opening round of the world grand prix event in which 32 leading players are competing.

RACKETS

Third seeded pair recover to go through

By Sally Jones

Charles Hue Williams and his son, Mark, the third seeds, came through in seven games after an enthralling struggle against Simon Davies and Rupert Owen-Browne in the second round of the Lacoste amateur doubles championships at the Queen's Club.

Owen-Browne, one of the hardest hitters in the game, started with a superb display of controlled power that gave Mark Hue Williams no time to adjust to the pace, but the clever and consistent Charles Hue Williams fought valiantly to level the match at one all.

The pair had no answer to a renewed blitz from the opposition that gave them a 3-1 lead. It was only when Owen-Browne began to tire that Mark Hue Williams gained confidence, found his length on his serve and started powering winners away on his forehand rather than hitting the board.

The third seeds roared through the next two games with three long runs of serve and led 14-2 in the decider but only won it after their opponents made a fine comeback to 14-10.

The winners should meet the second seeds, Willie Boone and Victor Cazalet, in the semi-final.

RESULTS: Second round: C J and C M Hue Williams bt S Davies and R Owen-Browne, 9-15, 15-8, 2-15, 2-15, 25-4, 15-2, 15-10; B Hall and W Donger w/o M Mockridge and A Robinson, scr.

BOXING

España best of Belfast stable

By George Ace

Crisanto España will box on the undercard of Mike McCallum's next defence of his World Boxing Association middleweight title against Michael Watson on April 14 at the Albert Hall, London.

España is not a name that the vast majority of London boxing enthusiasts will be familiar with. But he has created quite a stir in Belfast, where he has been living for the past 18 months.

Since the halcyon years of Barry McGuigan and those unforgettable nights at the King's Hall, boxing has once again drifted into the shadows in Northern Ireland.

Dave McAuley, the IBF flyweight champion, stirred it slightly with one memorable world title bout against Fidel Bassa at the King's Hall. But a second quite forgettable meeting with the same opponent rocked it back on its heels again.

McGuigan has been a hard act to follow. While Paul Hodkinson, the British and the European featherweight champion, and several young British title aspirants, along with España, are trying to keep the game ticking over the financial burden of staging meaningful promotions at the Ulster Hall are making even Barney Eastwood, a millionaire promoter, wonder if it is all worthwhile.

Brian Eastwood, the promoter's eldest son, believes that in España, the stable has the most exciting boxing talent this side of the Atlantic. "Look at his record," Brain Eastwood says. "He has had 16 fights which have occupied only 40 rounds of boxing. He is unbeaten and only once has he been taken the distance. He is the best pound for pound boxer in our stable."

España was brought to Belfast via Venezuela and Panama by Bernardo Checa, a Panamanian who has been coaching in the Eastwood gymnasium for the past five years.

"Panama, where España boxed some 18 months ago, was even then in the throes of unrest and offered little for a young and ambitious boxer," Checa said. "He jumped at the chance of furthering his career in Belfast and I think he can go all the way."

Checa has the boxing know-how one must respect: he boxed a draw six years ago with Antonio Esparragoza, the WBA featherweight champion, and was the Central America super-bantamweight champion.

España, 25 years of age, is one of 16 children; an elder brother, Ernesto, was the WBA light-weight champion in 1978. He is a rangey, all-action fighter who throws a variety of punches from a variety of angles. At six feet he is tall for a welterweight and he has a 74-inch reach.

On the February 17 he meets Delfino Marin, a Mexican based in Florida, over 10 rounds at 10st 7lb in the Ulster Hall, Belfast. Delfino, who last August lost on points to Lloyd Honeyghan in Tampa, Florida, has the reputation for durability and like España has never taken a count.

New-skin rule breach

The British Boxing Board of Control is to protest to the European Boxing Council about the supervision of Derek Williams's bout against Jean Maurice Chanet, of France (Srikumar Sen writes).

Williams lost his European heavyweight title at Saint-Dizier last Saturday but the board maintains that the use of "new skin" to seal a cut was a breach of EBU rules. "That is against all boxing laws and it will certainly be one part of our report to the EBU," John Morris, the secretary of the board, said yesterday.

Morris said the board would not be able to do anything about a rematch that Williams's manager, Mike Barrett, was wanting, until it had cleared up the bizarre claims by Williams of hallucination during the bout.

"I can't say what action we'll be taking as we haven't had the test results yet. But we shall certainly be launching a protest to the EBU over Chanet using considerable amounts of "new skin", Morris said.

The EBU denied that it had broken its rules by not sending a supervisor to the bout. An EBU spokesperson said that supervisors were provided only for mandatory defences.

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FOOTBALL

Hillsborough may be consigned to the dim distant past

By Louise Taylor

Sheffield Wednesday and Sheffield United are discussing the possibility of sharing an all-seat, multi-sports stadium, built for the World Student Games, after the event ends in the city in 1991.

If the plan comes to fruition it would represent a big break with tradition, possibly heralding the start of a new era in the wake of Lord Justice Taylor's final report on the Hillsborough disaster.

"We have been talking about sharing the new stadium with United," Graham Mackrell, the Wednesday club secretary, said yesterday. "But while the prospect is certainly not out of the question, we have still got a long way to go. Obviously the council are keen to jump into bed with football clubs, because that will help fund the stadium. But at the moment it is designed chiefly for athletics, and we would want it to be primarily for football. We do not want to talk about this too much at this stage because it is a sensitive issue, and breaches of confidentiality could put things back."

David Capper, the United secretary, confirmed: "The issue of sharing is under discussion at director level by Michael Wragg and one of his colleagues, who have been talking to their equivalents at Wednesday, along with people from the council." Wragg was unavailable for comment.

Mark Webster, head of administration and legal affairs at Sheffield City Council, said: "Sharing is still at an embryonic stage, but it is being discussed. But while we are still only exploring the possibilites, I think it is a viable scheme.

"United are having a lot of complicated problems with planning permission regarding any development of Bramall Lane in accordance with Lord Justice Taylor's recommendations, and this could be the answer for them. Both clubs must be interested in a 40,000 all-seat stadium, with the potential to raise the capacity to 55,000, which will be ready once the Games finish."

Webster added that Sheffield East rugby league club have also expressed a keen interest in using the stadium, which is located on the east of the city towards Rotherham.

While the Sheffield clubs are coy about co-habitation plans, Ron Noades, the chairman of Crystal Palace, is open to offers from any club, or clubs, willing to share either a new stadium in south London, or a redeveloped Selhurst Park. "I am looking for a permanent partnership," Noades said yesterday. The Palace chairman, who has spoken to Charlton Athletic, presently tenants at Selhurst, and Wimbledon, believes that joint ownership is the only way to finance a leading stadium, on a par with Europe's finest.

Trying to please all of the people

In Glasgow, Partick Thistle and Clyde have shared Firhill Park since 1986, when Clyde were forced to leave Shawfield (Roddy Forsyth writes).

Clyde's financial problems forced them to sell Shawfield to the Greyhound Racing Association in 1971. The GRA ran the ground at a loss for several years and decided to sell in 1984, but although Clyde were given an option to buy at £750,000 they could not raise the cash.

An £11 million scheme to develop Firhill as an all-seatstadium was recently announced, but it remains unpopular with a section of the Clyde support who would prefer to play nearer to their old haunt in the south of the city.

It has long been suggested that Dundee and Dundee United should sell Dens Park and Tannadice, their respective homes, and share a custom-built stadium on a greenfield site on the edge of the city. Dundee, however, are considering schemes to upgrade Dens Park and may prefer to remain there.

Perhaps the most surprising welcome to ground-sharing came in November from Jack McGinn, the Celtic chairman, who was asked how he would respond if Glasgow Distict Council were to build a new stadium in the city and invite Rangers and Celtic to use it.

McGinn replied: "I cannot see any reason why we should not share with Rangers."

Wallace twins to stay at The Dell

By Clive White

Southampton will almost certainly reject a joint transfer request yesterday from the Wallace twins, Rodney and Ray. The request was contained in a letter to the club from Bob Higgins, the players' agent and former youth development officer at The Dell.

It could hardly have come at a more inopportune time for the club, which is enjoying its most successful season in many years. Judging by the terse comment of Chris Nicholl, the manager, the club is unlikely to look favourably upon the request. "They have got 18 months of their contracts to run and that is what contracts are for," he said.

● **Portsmouth** have fined Warren Aspinall, their record £315,000 signing from **Aston Villa**, following an incident on a train last Friday evening. Aspinall was arrested for allegedly rowdy behaviour towards a woman passenger and a British Transport Underground police officer.

Aspinall was cautioned after a night in the cells at Basingstoke but not charged. Frank Burrows, the club's caretaker manager, said: "Aspinall has been disciplined within the club's code of conduct."

● Gerry Francis, the **Bristol Rovers** manager, and Paul Nixon, one of his players, were interviewed by West Drayton police on Tuesday night after Nixon alleged that he had been assaulted by Francis while the team were on their way home from a match at **Brentford**. No one was charged.

● Paul Stewart and Vinny Samways, both out of favour recently at **Tottenham Hotspur**, will fight to regain their places, according to Terry Venables, the manager. Stewart is back in the squad for the game against **Chelsea** on Saturday.

● Gordon Durie, if he is fit, and Steve Clarke can join the Scotland squad next week in Italy following the deferment of Chelsea's Zenith Cup southern final.

● **Stoke City** have agreed to pay about £175,000 for Noel Blake, the Leeds United defender. Nottingham Forest have turned down a request from Hibernian to take Brian Rice on a month's loan.

Council to consider purchase

By Dennis Signy

The decision of Hammersmith and Fulham Council to pursue a compulsory purchase order on Craven Cottage, Fulham's home for 94 years, means that the club could receive £6 million from the owner, Cabra Estates, and still continue to play there.

Cabra, which wants to develop the six-acre site alongside the River Thames for housing, has paid Fulham £2 million in the first stage of an agreement for the football club to move out in the next three years. It will pay another £4 million when Fulham move; and up to another £7 million depending on planning consents.

The unusual situation is that Fulham could collect £6 million by moving out, but then returning, if the council is successful in obtaining a compulsory order. Unlike Cabra, the council wants Fulham to play on.

Jimmy Hill, the Fulham chairman, said yesterday: "In making that deal the five directors involved had to sign an undertaking not to support the compulsory purchase order in any way or to comment."

Magee suspended for rest of season

By George Ace

Portadown, the Irish League leaders, received a severe blow to their title aspirations with the suspension of Marty Magee, their leading goalscorer.

Magee, last season's Northern Ireland player of the year who scored 30 goals, has been suspended until the end of the season. He has been found guilty of head-butting by the Irish Football Association's (IFA) senior clubs committee, which accepted statements from the referee and linesman following an incident last December against Carrick Rangers.

Magee, who has scored 19 goals this season, was accused of butting a linesman after he had been sent off. The player denied the allegations but David Bowen, the IFA secretary, said: "It was a difficult situation for the committee. Careful consideration was given to the events described by the player but in view of the statements by the referee and linesman the committee accepted that an incident had occurred." The IFA is to stage a six-a-side competition at Dundonald ice-rink on March 12 along the lines of the Scottish tournament held in Glasgow each year. The 14 Irish League clubs plus Ballyclare Comrades and Omagh Town will be invited to participate.

● The Budweiser Cup quarter-final tie between Glenavon and Ballymena United scheduled for last night was given the all-clear after a pitch inspection yesterday.

BARRY GREENWOOD

Running in, please pass: Moran (left) reacclimatizes himself to winter training in Blackburn

Moran relishes the knocks and cold of English game

By Peter Ball

A chill wind blew off the West Pennine moors, remnants of snow lay on Blackburn Rovers' training ground at Pleasington, from time to time flurries of sleet fell, and two days after his first game in English football for over 18 months Kevin Moran felt every cut and bruise.

"I've come out with more knocks and bruises from this game, I just haven't had that sort of physical game for two years," he reflected, and smiled with pleasure. Moran smiles a lot. At nearly 34, he still has the open enthusiasm for his sport which he had when playing as an amateur in Ireland.

Now, after 10 years with Manchester United, winning two FA Cup winners' medals and some unlooked for (and undeserved) notoriety as the first player to be sent off in a Wembley final, and two years in Spain with Sporting Gijón, he is looking forward to his first World Cup and embarking on his first experience of English second division football with evident relish, knocks and bruises and sleet and cold notwithstanding.

"You need objectives ahead of you," Moran said, "and for the moment I'm looking forward to playing in the World Cup for Ireland, and helping Blackburn win promotion. Age shouldn't come into football. If you are good enough, you are old — or young — enough.

"You've got to enjoy the training, because that's what you do five days a week, but I still enjoy it, and as long as I do that I shall carry on. After the World Cup I might have a chat with Jack and if he has some young players he wants to bring in then fine, because that would be a good place to end an international career, but if he wants me I shouldn't turn him down. And I shall carry on with Blackburn."

That shows a formidable certainty, for with business interests already established in Manchester, which is now his home, Moran does not need to go on playing, but then he is a formidable sportsman. In these days of specialization, it is unusual for someone to be outstanding at more than one sport, but Moran was an undisputed star in Gaelic football, playing for the Dublin team of the mid-Seventies which is acclaimed as one of the sport's great sides.

He is also a very bright man, doing a Bachelor of Commerce degree at University College, Dublin, before joining an accountancy firm in Dublin. For a 22-year-old, with a career in accountancy beckoning and star status in another sport already confirmed, throwing up everything to join United was a difficult decision. In the end Moran decided that if he did not give it a try he would always wonder whether he could have made it.

So he went for it with the wholehearted enthusiasm which has characterized his football ever since, establishing himself as United's centre half, and winning a regular place in the Irish team. And when Alex Ferguson decided that at 32 Moran's usefulness was at an end, a decision the United manager subsequently admitted was a mistake, he went to Spain, arguing that going to another English club after Old Trafford would be a downward step.

If anything his experiences in Spain have left him with even more affection for English football than previously, and he is quick to defend it. "I enjoyed my experience in Spanish football a lot," Moran said. "You have a lot more time on the ball at the back than you have over here. "You have a bit of time on it, you can put your foot on it and knock it about, and in many ways that helps you, it gives you a lot more confidence on the ball. But the game is changing a bit over there. When I started it was in a man-for-man marking system, but then Gijón went to a zonal system, and they are beginning to introduce more 'pressing' so as not to give players so much time at the back.

"It's still nothing like as frantic as the English game, but it is changing. And Milan do it, and I think people will copy them. That's why they staffed Real Madrid, because the Spanish game isn't used to it."

Milan's example is illuminating, because it is frequently argued by critics of the English game that it cannot bring success at the highest level, even though Liverpool were also supremely successful in international club football by playing that way. Moran is also convinced that the English game is the right way to play.

"When we were playing in European competitions the European games were something we really looked forward to because of the different styles, you really enjoyed it, and not having that variety is something players really miss now from England's exclusion from Europe," he said. "But I don't agree that you can't be successful playing the English way. It's at home here that our game is knocked, but in Spain players and spectators love it."

All this experience will come in useful in Italy, where Moran is again looking forward to seeing and playing against different styles. But with Jack Charlton in charge of the Ireland team, there will be more chance of him getting on the ball and playing at the back with Blackburn.

SNOOKER

Hairs and graces send Johnson into last eight

By Steve Acteson

Joe Johnson reached only his second tournament quarter-final of the season in a tournament of quality by virtue of a 5-4 victory over Mike Hallett, the world No. 6, at the Benson and Hedges Masters last night.

There was a time when Bjorn Borg used to grow a beard for luck at Wimbledon and Johnson, of Bradford, the former world snookerchampion, has followed suit at Wembley.

The growth meets with wifely approval but not that of his manager, Ian Doyle. "Ian says it makes me look like Gengis Khan — I just hope I take as many scalps as he did," Johnson said, which was something of a continental drift.

"It brought me luck today though," he added but that was hardly the case in the seventh frame when first Johnson potted the black but cannoned a red into a middle pocket. Then he sank the blue but also the green and then, after fluking a red, followed it home with the cue ball.

Those mishaps put him 4-3 behind but his clearance of 70 made this the fifth of nine matches so far to go the full distance. At the climax Johnson's stunning green gave him the chance to clear to pink for only his ninth win of the season.

"That seventh was an unbelievable frame but at least it gave the crowd something to laugh about and I had to laugh too," he said. "Apart from that though I was very lucky. I was lucky because Mike wasn't playing very well today and he would normally have punished me heavily for the chances I was leaving him."

Hallett won the first important title of the season in Hong Kong "but the rest of it has been rubbish", he said. "Now I'm just hoping to salvage something from the rest of the season."

RESULTS: First round: J Johnson (Eng) bt M Hallett (Eng), 5-4. Tuesday: S Hendry (Scot) bt S James (Eng), 5-2. Today's order of play: Quarter-finals (best of nine frames): 2pm: S Hendry v W Thorne. 7pm: A Knowles (Eng) v J White (Eng).

IOC considers S Africa

Lausanne (AP) — The International Olympic Committee (IOC) is planning to readmit South Africa once apartheid is dismantled.

Juan Antonio Samaranch, the IOC president, said the committee, which expelled South Africa in 1970, would first have to see that "South Africa is a normal country with everybody living the same and by the same rights."

On another matter, Samaranch said it was up to East and West Germany to request that a unified team represent the nations in the 1992 Games in Barcelona, but that the IOC would have the final say.

He also said the committee's policy-making executive board probably would discuss the latest positive drug tests involving weightlifters at the Commonwealth Games.

YACHTING

New Zealand pair cut back on Merit

By Barry Pickthall

The Forties began to roar yesterday for the Whitbread Round the World Race fleet as the leading yachts started to stride ahead after facing light, fickle winds during the first three days at sea.

The lead of Merit, Pierre Fehlmann's Swiss maxi, was cut to two miles as the two New Zealand ketches, Fisher & Paykel and Steinlager 2, began to make inroads. Grant Dalton's Fisher & Paykel, now down to 43 South, clocked the fastest average speed between satellite sweeps yesterday, setting a pace of 12.6 knots, 0.6 of a knot faster than Merit and almost a knot faster than Steinlager. Rothmans, the leading British maxi which is south of the leaders, appeared to have missed out on the strengthening winds after averaging only 9.3 knots to fall a disappointing 30 miles behind the leaders.

In a radio conversation with race headquarters in Portsmouth, Peter Blake, the overall race leader reported ideal conditions for the ketches. He said that Steinlager was shy-reaching under full sail in a 10-knot south-westerly breeze, which obviously increased later in the day. "It's a bit boring really," he reported, before adding the rider "but better than the flukey winds we have had up to now."

This will have done nothing to lift spirits on The Card, Roger Nilson's Swedish ketch, now sailing as a sloop after losing her mizzen soon after the start on Sunday. Nilson and his crew, who lay fifth overall at the start of this fourth stage, have now slipped back to seventeenth in the fleet, just 11 miles ahead of Patrick Tabarly's leading division three yacht L'Esprit de Liberté.

The French yacht now holds a nine-mile lead over Bruno Dubois's Belgian entry, Rucanor Sport, which has recovered well from a poor first two days when, together with Britain's Maiden (now third), they appear to have stayed too close to the New Zealand coast.

Leading positions

Compiled at 12.57 GMT yesterday, with miles to Punta del Este, Uruguay

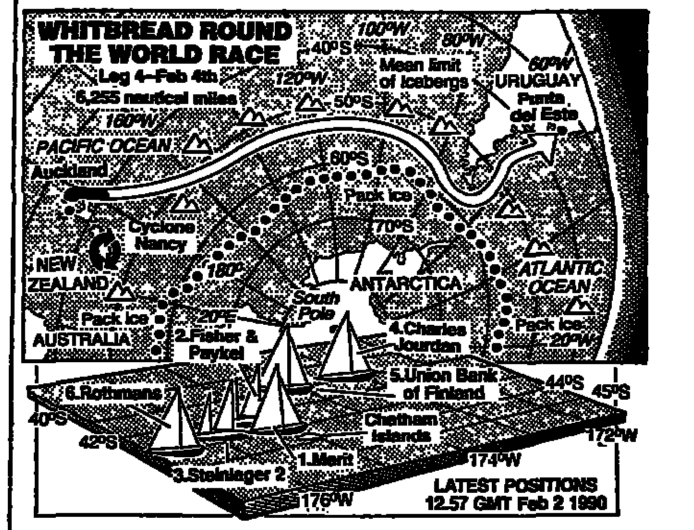
MAXI DIVISION: 1, Merit, P Fehlmann (Swiss), 5,236 miles; 2, Fisher & Paykel, G Dalton (NZ), 5,238; 3, Steinlager 2, P Blake (NZ), 5,240; 4, Charles Jourdan, A Gabbay (Fr), 5,254; 5, UBF Finland, L Ingvel (Fin), 5,260; 6, Rothmans, L Smith (GB), 5,268; 7, Martela OF, M Wikkeri (Fin), 5,273; 8, NCB Ireland, J English (Ire), 5,276; 9, Satquote British Defender, Cdr C Watkins (GB), 5,280; 10, Fortuna, J Santana (Sp), 5,283; 11, Belmont Finland, H Harkimo (Fin), 5,295; 12, Gatorade, G Falck (It), 5,295; 13, Fazisi, S Novak (USSR), 5,300; 14, Liverpool Enterprise, B Salmon (GB), 5,304; 15, The Card, R Nilson (Swe), 5,320.

DIVISION 2: 1, Equity & Law, D Nauta (Neth), 5,310.

DIVISION 3: 1, L'Esprit de Liberte, P Tabarly (Fr), 5,331; 2, Rucanor Sport, B Dubois (Bel), 5,340; 3, Maiden, T Edwards (GB), 5,345; 4, La Poste, B Malle (Fr), 5,345; 5, Schlussel von Bremen, R Persch (WG), 5,358.

CRUISER DIVISION: 1, Creightons Naturally, J Chittenden (GB), 5,320; 2, With Integrity, A Coghill (GB), 5,340.

● *Information provided by British Telecom.*



Lamazou's lead is increasing

By Malcolm McKeag

After 74 days and almost 14,500 miles of single-handed sailing since leaving the tiny French resort of Les Sables d'Olonne, Titouan Lamazou, leader of the Globe Challenge non-stop round the world race, is within a few hundred miles of Cape Horn. He is expected to round the Cape and sail back into the Atlantic tomorrow.

Lamazou's progress has been remarkable, shattering existing records for extended passages under sail in any type of vessel. He has averaged just over 200 miles a day since leaving France, and has led the race consistently since crossing the Equator in December. In the past six days, Lamazou has covered 1,496 miles, an average of 250 miles a day.

Following the routes radioed to him by the French weather agency Meteomer, Lamazou plans to pass south of Diego Ramirez Island, 60 miles from the Horn. Cape Horn is itself an island, one of many which make up the southern tip of the South American Continent.

Unlike the Whitbread Round the World Race, where use of such services is banned, outside weather routing is permitted in the Globe Challenge, and is used by most competitors.

The threat to Lamzou's lead posed by Jean-Luc Van Den Heede, in 36.15 Met, who had closed to within 230 miles of the leader, has lifted. His gain was made by using different navigational tactics rather than speed and now that the leaders are following similar tracks to the Horn, both he and the third-placed Loick Peyron, in Lada Poch, have again slipped back.

Almost 2,000 miles behind these leaders, Patrice Carpentier in Nouvel Observateur appears to have recovered from the 360° roll which almost wrecked the interior of his boat. Because of the severe weather Observateur's mainsail was already furled, thus saving the mast, when the boat was engulfed. Carpentier, already having to cope with the loss of his electronic self-steering, has now headed north from his deep southerly route in search of quieter conditions which will allow the boat to sail with the helm lashed while he sorts out the mess.

Other competitors to have incurred damage include Alain Gautier, in Generali Concorde, who lost his Argos satellite position beacon, torn off the deck in a knockdown, and was for several hours unreported until he replaced the essential safety device with a back-up. Both Lada Poch's solar panels, mounted on deck and used for charging the boat's batteries, have been washed away by heavy seas.

America's Cup final battle

By Barry Pickthall

The battle for the America's Cup resumes today in the New York Court of Appeals with seven leading international yachting administrators seeking to support the San Diego YC against the claim laid by the Mercury Bay Boating Club of New Zealand that their 1987 challenge in a 133ft monohull should have been met by a "like and similar yacht".

The Court of Appeals is the last hurdle in a three-year legal battle waged by Michael Fay, the Auckland banker, to challenge for the cup under the strict terms of the century-old Deed of Gift controlling the event, then to demand a fair, sportsmanlike match in yachts of similar size.

Instead, the Californian club ranged a much faster, lighter catamaran which, under the command of Dennis Conner, ran rings round Fay's monohull. The latest affidavit, presented by three past presidents of the US Yacht Racing Union and four rules experts, including Mary Pera, of Britain, counters the similar approach to the court taken by an equally impressive list of 20 past cup skippers, syndicate heads and clubs who support Mercury Bay's claim for fair play.

The seven claim that the courts have traditionally left the administration of sport to competent governing bodies, but in this case the trial court strayed from the law into a field it had no experise whatsoever, namely the rating and eligibility of racing yachts.

"When the smoke cleared," their petition said "the trial court had declared a forfeiture of yachting's most prestigious trophy and awarded it to the loser of the yacht race on the grounds that the winning yacht Stars & Stripes failed to meet a non-existent yacht eligibility rule that was created after the race by the trial court."

The petition argues: "It is obviously impossible to design, build or measure a racing yacht using 'somewhat similar' as the applicable standard. Designers, builders, measurers and judges must have measurable parameters against which a yacht can be objectively compared. Sportsmanship, defined as the conduct of one who abides by the rules of a contest will be served by an objective and fair standard set before the race. A vague rule incapable of determination until after the race, if at all, and then only by a court as opposed to the governing body will be a blow, not a boon, to sportsmanship."

The seven appeal judges are expected to give a final ruling on the case in March, allowing the next cup series to take place either in San Diego or Auckland in two years' time.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

RAF HALTON: RAF cross country championships: Men (10km): 1, Cpl D McNeilly (Locking), 32min 41sec; 2, Cpl M Flint (Cosford), 33.36; 3, Cpl J Neal (Laarbruch), 33.56. Team: 1, RAF Brize Norton, 25pts; 2, RAF Wittering, 168; 3 RAF Halton, 333. Women (3½miles): 1, SACW K Holdsworth (Bruggen), 23min 38sec; 2, Cpl J Watson (Henlow), 23.49; 3, Cpl Y Carter (Stanmore Park), 23.58. Team: 1, RAF High Wycombe, 42.

BADMINTON

YORKSHIRE CHAMPIONSHIP: Sheffield Brunswick 5, Headingley 8.

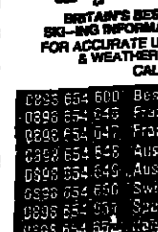
BASKETBALL

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP: Quarter-final group, sixth series: Virtus Bologna (It) 83, Maccabi Ramat-Gan (Isr) 73; Real Madrid 91, Mulhouse (Fr) 86; Partizan Belgrade 95, PAOK Salonika 79.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Milwaukee Bucks 119, Boston Celtics 108; Washington Bullets 118, Miami Heat 100; New York Knicks 117, Orlando Magic 110; Detroit Pistons 105, Cleveland Cavaliers 95; Houston Rockets 108, Minnesota Timber Wolves 101; San Antonio Spurs 105, Atlanta Hawks 94; Indiana Pacers 138, Denver Nuggets 130 (OT); Dallas Mavericks 100, Sacramento Kings 90; Los Angeles Lakers 121, Portland Trail Blazers 110 (OT).

BOXING

TOKYO: WBC strawweight championship: Hideyuki Ohashi (Japan) ko Choi Jum-hwan (S Kor), 9th rnd.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CYCLING

BENALMADENA, Spain: Ruta del Sol classic: First stage (184km): 1, O Ludwig (EG), 4hr 59min 6sec; 2, U Raab (EG); 3, M Martinez (Sp), both same time. Irish placings: 7, M Early, same time; 22, S Kelly, same time, 117.

MAUGIO, France: Etoile de Besseges race: First stage (85 miles): 1, S MacKinley (US); 2, E Vanderaerden (Bel); 3, L Jalabert (Fr); 4, D Phinney (US); 5, H Redant (Bel); 6, F Andreu (US), all 3hr 26min 50sec. Irish placing: 135, S Roche, same time.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Cross Keys 16, Bridgend 21; Pontypridd 57, Tredegar 16; Rugby 22, RAF 16; Cambridge University 7, The Army 10. Cancelled: Cheltenham v Lichfield; Clifton v Bristol University; Lydney v Glamorgan Wanderers; Royal Navy v Oxford University.

SQUASH RACKETS

NATIONAL WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-final: Pontefract 5, Huddersfield 0.

SWIMMING

BERLIN: International gala: Winners: Men: 50m freestyle: N Rudolph, 22.48. 200m freestyle: P Sitt (WG), 1:49.58. 100m backstroke: M Tewksbury (Can), 56.95. 100m breaststroke: M Warnecke (WG), 1:03.24. 100m butterfly: M Hermann (WG), 54.80. 200m individual medley: C Gessner (EG), 2:03.56. Women: 50m freestyle: D Hunger, 26.31.100m freestyle: K Meissner (EG), 56.27. 200m breaststroke: Y Bogacheva (USSR), 2:33.29. 200m butterfly: K Nord, 2:13.26. 200m backstroke: D Hase, 2:13.88. 400m individual medley: E Kimura (Japan), 4:49.82.

TENNIS

MILAN: ATP Grand Prix indoor championship: First round: M Srejber (Cz) bt S Pescosolido (It), 7-5, 6-2; J Hlasek (Switz) bt P Lundgren (Swe), 7-6, 7-5; J Courier (US) bt M Koevermans (Neth), 6-2, 6-1; M Zoecke (WG) bt J Connors (US), 6-3, 4-6, 7-6; A Volkov (USSR) bt S Colombo (It), 6-1, 6-4; H Skoff (Austria) bt P Pambianco (It), 6-2, 6-2; P Sampras (US) bt A Jarryd (Swe), 6-1, 6-3; A Krickstein (US) bt O Camporese (It), 6-4, 6-3; P Cane (It) bt B Oresar (Yug), 7-6, 6-4. Second round: T Mayotte (US) bt T Champion (Fr), 6-2, 6-1.

SAN FRANCISCO: San Francisco championships: First round: D Goldie (US) bt J Stark (US), 6-4, 5-7, 6-2; J Rive (US) bt K Curren (US), 6-2, 7-5; C Garner (US) bt A Hombrecher (US), 7-6, 3-6, 6-3; T Wilkison (US) bt P McEnroe (US), 6-7, 6-1, 7-6; J Grabb (US) bt J Brown (US), 6-3, 7-6; R Reneberg (US) bt L Shiras (US), 7-6, 6-3; G Muller (SA) bt B Gilbert (US), 6-4, 7-6.

WICHITA, Kansas: Women's tournament: First round (US unless stated): S Martin bt A Keller, 6-2, 7-5; G Magers bt R Baranski (Pol), 6-4, 6-1; A Henricksson bt A Grossman, 6-0, 6-3; L Ferrando (It) bt W White, 6-1, 6-3; D van Rensburg (SA) bt A White, 7-6, 7-5; M Werdel bt A Smith, 7-6, 6-7, 7-5; A Frazier bt N Provis (Aus), 6-2, 3-6, 7-6.

FOOTBALL

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Ipswich 4, Southampton 1.

ITALIAN LEAGUE: AC Milan 0, Verona 0.

The following matches were postponed:

ZENITH DATA SYSTEMS CUP: Area semi-final: Crystal Palace v Swindon Town.

LEYLAND DAF CUP: Area quarter-finals: Hereford v Notts County; Maidstone v Exeter.

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Brighton v Reading; Oxford Utd v Charlton; Fulham v Crystal Palace.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Hull v Everton; Newcastle v Derby; Nottingham Forest v Manchester City Res. Second division: Stoke v Wigan; West Bromwich v Sunderland; York v Port Vale.

FA TROPHY: Second round: Cheltenham v Enfield; Farnborough v Windsor and Eton; Welling v Telford; Woking v Seaham Red Star; Yeovil v Aylesbury.

SOUTHERN JUNIOR FLOODLIT CUP: Third round: Tottenham v Leyton Orient.

BUDWEISER CUP: Second round: Cliftonville v Glentoran.

Late results on Tuesday

BARCLAYS LEAGUE: Fourth division: Rochdale 0, York 1; Torquay 3, Southend 0.

ZENITH DATA SYSTEMS CUP: Northern final: Middlesbrough 2, Aston Villa 1 (aet; Middlesbrough win 4-2 on agg).

LEYLAND DAF CUP: Northern quarter-final: Tranmere 3, Chester 0. Southern quarter-final: Brentford 2, Bristol Rovers 2 (aet; Bristol won 4-3 on pens).

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Barnet 4, Merthyr Tydfil 0.

B AND Q SCOTTISH LEAGUE: First division: Postponed: Alloa v PartickThistle; Clyde v Raith Rovers. Seconddivision: Postponed: Dumbarton v EastFife; East Stirlingshire v Stranraer.

FA YOUTH CUP: Fourth round: Manchester City 3, Crystal Palace 0.

FA TROPHY: Second round: Dover 2,Weymouth 1; Harrow 0, Redbridge Forest0; Wivenhoe 1, Runcorn 1; Wokingham 0, Stafford 0.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Bradford City 1, Oldham 0; Coventry 0, Sheffield United 3; Liverpool 4, Leeds 1; Manchester United 3, Leicester 0. Second division: Grimsby 2, Preston 0; Rotherham 1, Barnsley 2; Sheffield Wednesday 3, Scunthorpe 1.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Bath 6, Dorchester 0; Bromsgrove 2, Waterlooville 4. Midland division: Grantham 1, Bedworth 1. Westgate Insurance Cup: Fourth round, first leg: Ashford 2, Bashley 0.

ALLBRIGHT BITTER WELSH CUP: Fifth round: Cardiff 2, Aberystwyth 0; Wrexham 1, Rhyl 1.

BUDWEISER CUP: Second round: Postponed: Coleraine v Newry.

BOB LORD TROPHY: Second round: Postponed: Telford v Altrincham. Second round replay: Postponed: Runcorn v Kidderminster.

VAUXHALL LEAGUE: First division: Walton and Hersham 3, Purfleet 0. Postponed: Hitchin v Lewes. Second division north: Rainham 3, Collier Row 0; Tilbury 1, Barton 2; Witham 1, Berkhamsted 1. Second division south: Horsham 1, Eastbourne United 4; Southall 4, Epsom and Ewell 0.

KNIGHTS FLOODLIGHT LEAGUE: Barking 2, Barkingside 1.

SURREY SENIOR CUP: Sutton 0, Dorking 3.

WENDY FAIR CAPITAL LEAGUE: Enfield 2, Colchester 1.

MIDDLESEX SENIOR CUP: Second round replay: Staines 2, Ruislip Manor 0.

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Combined Services 0, Vauxhall League XI 4.

ENGLISH SCHOOLS TROPHY: Fifth Round: West Cornwall 0, Waltham Forest 2.

MIDLANDS COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Leicestershire 2, Nottinghamshire 0.

GOLF

SAN LORENZO, Algarve: Longshot-PGA East region pro-am: 142: P Hoad (Vista Computersystems) 73. 143: M Studds (Unattached) 74; B Evans (San Lorenzo) 73. 146: A Limb (Phoenix) 72. 148: J Sewell (Woburn) 73. 147: P Milton (Surbiton) 75. 150: F Hill (Eaton) 75; P Davis (Saffron Walden) 75. 151: K Bowden (Lee-on-Solent) 74. 152: R Mason (Goring and Streatley) 76. 153: C Gough (West Herts) 77. Teams: 261: Studds. 265: Limb. 268: Sewell. 272: Bowden. 275: Hoad.

TOBAGO: SWIA tournament: Second round (GB and Ireland unless stated): 141: J Bennett 70, 71. 142: A Murray 71, 71, 144: G Brand 74, 70. 145: G Furey 75, 70; S Ames (Trinidad) 79, 66. 146: E Murray 75, 71. 147: P Baker 78, 69. 148: W Longmuir 73, 75; D J Russell 74, 74.

HOCKEY

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: London University 0, Royal Navy 4.

KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia 2, Australia 5.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Boston Bruins 2, Detroit Red Wings 0; New York Islanders 8, Pittsburgh Penguins 7 (OT); Washington Capitals 12, Quebec Nordiques 2; Edmonton Oilers 2, New Jersey Devils 2 (OT); St Louis Blues 6, Toronto Maple Leafs 4; Los Angeles Kings 5, Calgary Flames 3; Vancouver Canucks 5, Winnipeg Jets 3.

RACKETS

SCHOOLS MATCH: Eton (A Smith-Bingham and J Larken) bt Marlborough (W Thorp and S Giddomal), 15-7, 15-10, 15-3, 15-8.

RUGBY FIVES

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Bradfield 87, Clifton 128; St Paul's 58, Clifton 143.

SKI JUMPING

ST MORITZ: World Cup: Normal hill: 1, F Jez (Cz), 218.8pts; 2, H Kuttin (Austria), 218.1; 3, E Vettori (Austria), 217.9.

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Robson doubtful for England's Italian campaign

By Ian Ross

England's preparations for the World Cup finals in Italy this summer were severely disrupted yesterday when Bryan Robson, the captain, underwent a groin operation. Robson, aged 33, had surgery at a London clinic 24 hours after an examination by a leading specialist revealed that an injury, which had initially been diagnosed as a simple groin strain, was more serious. However, fears that Robson might need a hernia operation proved unfounded.

Although Manchester United, of whom Robson is also captain, have somewhat optimistically indicated to the Football Association that Robson should be in a position to resume playing "within six to eight weeks" a more realistic date for his comeback is thought to be early May, since he will have been out of football for over four months. That will be only three weeks before the England squad is scheduled to leave for Italy.

Robson has already been ruled out of England's next warm-up game, against Brazil at Wembley on March 28, and it is now clear that he will be missing as his club attempts to achieve the dual target of FA Cup success and first division survival.

Bobby Robson, the England manager who has placed such a heavy reliance on his namesake in recent years, said that he was "hopeful" that his captain would be available for the game against Czechoslovakia at Wembley on April 25 while openly admitting his sense of immense disappointment upon learning of yesterday's news.

"It goes without saying that Bryan Robson is one of England's key players but it is important to remember that this is as much a setback for his club, Manchester united, as it is for his country," he said.

"Obviously, he will have to regain full fitness at club level before he can be considered at International level. I shall keep in touch with Manchester united and be guided by any medical bulletins which they may issue. Bryan will miss the game against Brazil next month which will disappoint him greatly as that particular fixture is one of the highlights of any professional footballer's career," he added.

The England manager's respect for Robson's powers of leadership is such that he will almost certainly include him in his final 22 man squad for the World Cup finals, fully fit or not. However, he will be mindful of the events which occurred at the Mexico finals in 1986.

In March of that year, Robson dislocated a shoulder, an injury which kept him on the sidelines for seven weeks. Although he played in England's opening group qualifying game against Morocco, he aggravated the injury and took no further part in the competition.

Robson's enforced absence will give his potential understudies at international level the perfect opportunity to press their claims for inclusion in England's World Cup squad.

"It will give players like Steve McMahon of Liverpool and Steve Hodge of Nottingham Forest the chance to impress," conceded Bobby Robson.

Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, said that he was "shattered" by the extent of Robson's latest injury. "Thankfully it turned out not to be a hernia but if we had not had the operation done quickly it could have turned into a hernia".

"After seeing the specialist on Tuesday, Bryan as advised that it would be in his best interests to have an operation next week but he said he wanted it done immediately. It is a terrible blow but we cannot afford to feel sorry for ourselves; we must get over it and carry on without him," he said.

Since sustaining the injury during the game against Liverpool at Anfield on December 23, Robson has been unable to train and has missed United's last eight senior games.

Despite Robson's claim that he is no more prone to serious injury than is any other player he has suffered at least one major fitness problem in each of the last seven domestic seasons.

ROBSON'S INJURIES

West Bromwich Albion

1976: October: broken right leg (out for 11 weeks).
1977: April: broken right leg (6 weeks).
1978: January: broken right leg (6 weeks).

Manchester United

1983: February: badly torn ankle ligaments (12 weeks).
1984: June: broken nose (close season). December: severely bruised foot (6 weeks).
1985: January: dislocated shoulder (7 weeks). October: torn hamstring (3 weeks). November: torn hamstring (4 weeks).
1986: March: dislocated shoulder (7 weeks). June: dislocated shoulder (7 weeks).
1987: August: broken nose (2 weeks).
1988: January: concussion (2 weeks).
1989: January: concussion and swallowed tongue (2 weeks). August: badly bruised ribs (2 weeks). September: hairline fracture of right leg (2 weeks). December: groin/hernia injury (6 weeks to date).

Gullit doubt remains

Brussels (Reuter) — Ruud Gullit, whose worth to The Netherlands is similar to that of Robson to England, may not recover from his latest knee operation in time for the World Cup finals, his Belgian surgeon said yesterday.

Gullit has been out of action since last June and has undergone three knee operations in nine months. Marc Martens, his surgeon, said that he would examine Gullit again on March 7. "A healing process is always variable. It cannot be entirely excluded that he will recover. We are a bit more optimistic than a few months ago," he said.

Insurance is no consolation

By Louise Taylor

Manchester United will be unable to recoup any financial recompense for Bryan Robson's enforced absence. "The premiums involved in insuring him for missing matches would be sky high, it would be impossible," Ken Merrett, the club secretary, said yesterday.

Merrett confirmed that United do have the consolation that Robson's frequent and extensive medical bills are met by private health insurance. "He is covered by BUPA, and that meets the costs of his tests and treatment," Merrett said.

On the occasions when Robson is injured on international duty, either playing or training, United fare better. "As with every player, if the injury can definitely be attributed to England duty, the Football Association pay Manchester United his wages during the period he is unavailable for selection," David Bloomfield, the FA's press officer, said yesterday.

Bloomfield said that Robson was insured for a figure of between £600,000 and £1 million in case his playing career was permanently ended while fulfilling commitments with England. The player is insured for the same sum by United as a precaution against his career being curtailed while on duty for them.

All professional footballers are covered by the League's personal accident insurance scheme, which insures individuals for around £30,000.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Ten Of Spades (Kevin Mooney, left) masters Paddyboro (Peter Hobbs) at the last in the Charterhouse Mercantile Handicap Chase at Ascot yesterday

Oulook bleak for Ellcock

From Alan Lee
Cricket Correspondent
St Lucia

As the England party braced itself for the expected news that Ricardo Ellcock's first tour has met a summary end, more anxiety darkened their horizon. Gladstone Small's susceptible joints have let him down again and he will definitely miss the four-day game with the Windward Islands starting here today.

Small's condition is potentially alarming for the touring team as, along with Angus Fraser, he represents the reliable quality in an otherwise speculative attack.

He came off the field in St Kitts on Monday to rest a niggling shoulder strain, but it was no better yesterday and he was unable to practise at Victoria Park, the atmospheric little sports ground where the tour resumes today.

This is a new injury for Small, who has been plagued by many similar ailments over recent years, and the tour manager, Peter Lush, explained: "He can be discounted from this next match but it is too early to say any more. It is naturally worrying to be short of our full complement so early on."

It was ironical that, while Small rested in the pavilion, Ellcock, who went to the same school in Barbados before both became naturalized Englishmen, was going through a private agony on a totally unsuitable net surface.

This had been designated as the session in which Ellcock must indicate his recovery from the back injury which afflicted him on the second day of the tour. Plainly, it did not proceed to plan. The run-ups were uneven, the net pitch was untrustworthy and Ellcock, having bowled the equivalent of six overs at varying speed, left the field with the consoling arm of the team manager, Micky Stewart, around his shoulders.

Ellcock did muster the hostility to hit Wayne Larkins twice in the rib cage, persuading him to retire ruefully, but more than once his grimacing expression at the point of delivery told its sad story of a man demonstrably not fit enough for the undertaking at hand.

A pronouncement on his possible return to England can be expected today and Lush was significantly ill at ease as he attempted to deflect such speculation. Finally, he admitted: "Ricky is a bit stiff." So soon after the exercise, this seemed tantamount to saying he had broken down.

England arrived on this green, volcanic island, fresh from a day off. Stewart did not let them forget it. He urged them through a session of sprints and stamina work so severe it would have had the touring teams of an earlier age recoiling in horror.

Allan Lamb, yet to play on the tour due to a calf injury sustained road-running, emerged in good order and will be included today against one of the Caribbean's more modest teams.

The Windwards cannot boast a single Test player as Winston Davis will miss the match with a minor injury. Neil Williams, the Middlesex seam bowler from St Vincent, is also out with a broken bone in his hand and the greatest threat to the touring side may come from the two experienced slow bowlers, Javan Etienne and Thomas Kentish.

Moseley in from the cold

St Lucia — Ezra Moseley yesterday became the first West Indian to benefit from the new international cricket accord on South Africa (Alan Lee writes). Moseley, banned for life from Caribbean cricket six years ago, has been named in the 13-man West Indies party for next week's two opening one-day internationals against England in Port of Spain.

Moseley, aged 32, a seam bowler who spent several years in county cricket with Glamorgan and is now being actively pursued by Surrey, has created a little history at the main expense of Franklyn Stephenson, whose reputation in England had marked him out as the likeliest of the reprieved players to gain recognition.

Stephenson, however, is not rated so highly in the Caribbean and his fellow-Barbadian has been chosen strictly on form, after taking 22 wickets in regional first-class cricket this winter.

Moseley joins an otherwise familiar and predictable party in which the contentious batting places have been claimed by Carl Hooper, of Guyana, and Carlisle Best, the cheerful Barbadian. There is no room for Keith Arthurton, who treated England's bowling so dismissively in St Kitts.

Patrick Patterson, who heads the first-class bowling averages here, has also been omitted for these first two games in a five-match limited overs series. But his extra pace may be used in the first Test, on his home ground in Kingston.

The West Indian players who toured South Africa were all banned for life from domestic and national cricket. But when the International Cricket Council agreement was reached a year ago, allowing an amnesty for those with past South African links, the West Indies Board of Control reassessed its stance and invited all such players to apply for reinstatement.

Life had been difficult for some when they returned to their islands, although not all found the reaction unforgiving. But several gave up the game. Two who applied unsuccessfully to be taken back by their regional teams were Colin Croft and Alvin Kallicharran. Moseley and Stephenson are, so far, the only banned players to have returned to the first-class game and both may now play a part in the campaign against England.

WEST INDIES PARTY: I V A Richards (captain), C G Greenidge, D L Haynes, R B Richardson, A L Logie, C L Hooper, P J L Dujon, M D Marshall, C E L Ambrose, I R Bishop, C A Walsh, E A Moseley, C A Best.

National divide develops

By Michael Seely
Racing Correspondent

The great public debate about whether Desert Orchid should run in the Grand National is now being reflected in a difference of opinion between David Elsworth, the trainer, and Richard Burridge, the principal shareholder in the flying grey.

At Ascot yesterday, Elsworth, who is broadly in favour of Desert Orchid running, clearly resented questions about his National plans.

"I'm surprised you asked me that," he said. "All along I made it plain that we won't be considering the matter until after the Cheltenham Gold Cup. Of course, if Richard Burridge doesn't want to run, it's his horse and he can take him out."

However, Burridge, interviewed on television and elsewhere, was adamant in his opinion. "David has made many inspired and brave decisions about Desert Orchid. But I don't want the horse to run in the National this year.

"It seems ludicrous to me. His planned programme all along has been the King George, the Gold Cup and finally the Whitbread. And I wouldn't want to see him running over 4½ miles at Liverpool under 12st 2lb after a hard race at Cheltenham. He'd be much better off in the Whitbread after a longer rest and over his favourite track, Sandown.

"I'd like to see him taken out of the National at the next forfeit stage on February 13. David knows my thinking and I know his, but someone's got to take the decision.

"I've nothing against the National itself. I'd like to see him run in the race next year and be specially trained for it."

Corals, the bookmakers, reacted to Burridge's comments by withdrawing Desert Orchid, their original 10-1 favourite, from their ante-post list on the Grand National yesterday.

Desert Orchid, withdrawn from yesterday's Charterhouse Mercantile Chase, is due to travel to Wincanton this afternoon for the Racing In Wessex Chase.

Explaining his thinking, Elsworth said: "The going had become very testing and in the high winds it would have been asking too much of him to give so much weight away carrying 12 stone.

"It will be easier at Wincanton where its a conditions race and he's conceding a maximum of 13lb."

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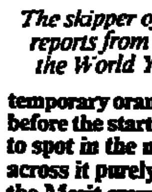

Lawrie Smith

The skipper of Rothmans reports from the Round the World Yacht Race

I had been told the Auckland start would take some beating, but none of us were quite prepared for the incredible send-off the Whitbread fleet received last Sunday.

Estimates vary from 6,000 to 10,000 spectator boats out in the harbour, and if the winds had been any less, we might still be there fighting through the chop thrown up by all manner of craft ranging from water scooters to ferries.

From our vantage, a wall of boats seemed to surround the fleet and those who chose to run the gauntlet through them, instead of short-tacking up the cleared channel were asking for trouble. It is amazing that The Card, which lost its mizzen within minutes of the gun firing, was the only casualty.

The weather mark, which was changed from a ship to a temporary orange buoy shortly before the start was impossible to spot in the melée. We came across it purely by chance and the Merit crew lost their early lead by over-standing badly.

Steinlager 2 and Fisher & Paykel, the two local boats, were affected most by the adverse wake from well-wishers, but they caught us up again at the first headland after the rest of us ran out of wind.

We have been playing nip-and-tuck ever since, with all hands performing a continuous round of exhausting sail changes in an effort to squeeze every last ounce of speed from the ever swinging breeze.

Without any pattern to the wind, it has been almost impossible to plan ahead. Instead, all the yachts, which are now spread over a wide area, took advantage of what local winds their crews could find, and like us have doubtless cursed their luck when falling into holes.

The reason behind these changeable conditions has been Cyclone Nancy, which has twirled its way across the Tasman Sea towards New Zealand's South Island.

Yesterday Rothmans remains just outside the influence of the strong winds, but being the most southerly in the fleet we hope to be among the first to pick up the westerlies today.

In the light of these changeable conditions, the performance of Pierre Felhmann's Merit has been little short of remarkable. On earlier legs, our two sloops have been evenly matched, but so far during this stage, the Bruce Farr design has proved considerably faster in light winds. During the first 24 hours, she not only had the legs on the two New Zealand ketches, but pulled out a 33-mile lead over us. We have since cut this back to 17, but we still need to hit the strong westerlies first if we are to draw back level

Since it is not allowed under the rules to change the displacement or trim of a yacht during the race we can only assume this added zip is down to new sails the Swiss maxi shipped in Auckland.

The upside to Nancy's effect on the weather systems, has been the beautiful conditions we have enjoyed since the start. We are now in the Roaring Forties, sweltering under a hot sun in T-shirts and shorts. Indeed, it was so hot yesterday that Kim Morton, my No. 2, is now suffering from the ill-effects of sunburn — a stark change from the frost-bite conditions we endured in these same latitudes during the second stage of this race from Uruguay to Freemantle.

We also came close to celebrating Russell Pickthall's birthday twice over. At one point yesterday, it looked as if we might cross the international dateline midway through the celebrations today. Thankfully the strengthening westerlies carried us over in time, much to the relief of our cook, John Harris, who was worried that an order for two cakes would leave him short of mix for my own birthday in 10 days' time

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SPORT IN BRIEF

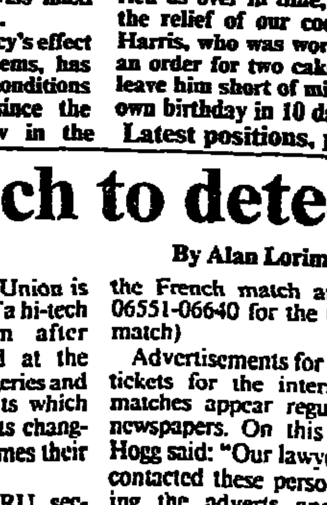
Elliott's return

Peter Elliott will make his first British appearance since his victory in the 1,500 metres in the Commonwealth Games when he competes for Great Britain against East Germany at Kelvin Hall, Glasgow, on February 23.

Elliott is to run in the 800 metres in the Dairy Crest Games, raising the possibility of a meeting with Jens-Peter Herold, who took a bronze medal behind Elliott at the 1988 Olympics in Seoul.

Called in

Colombo (Reuter) — Brendon Kuruppu, the wicketkeeper-batsman, has been called into the injury-hit Sri Lankan cricket team which is touring Australia.



Zico: farewell game

Zico bows out

Rio de Janeiro (Reuter) — Zico, one of Brazil's most distinguished football internationals played his farewell game at the Maracana stadium on Tuesday in front of nearly 100,000 supporters. Some of the best players of the last 10 years took part, as well as Flamengo, Zico's club.

New name

East Berlin (Reuter) — The Dynamo Berlin football club wants to start the second half of the season this month with a new name to reflect its break with the now-defunct Stasi security police.

Right spirit

The future of the Bell's Scottish Open golf championship has been secured for at least another five years following the signing of a new contract by Arthur Bell Distillers, the sponsors.

Postponed

The Hospitals Cup rugby union semi-final between St Mary's and Charing Cross-Westminster, scheduled for Motspur Park yesterday, was postponed because of the weather. No new date has yet been arranged.

Hi-tech to detect forgeries

By Alan Lorimer

The Scottish Rugby Union is to consider the use of a hi-tech monitoring system after becoming concerned at the increase in ticket forgeries and the activities of touts which has resulted in tickets changing hands at many times their face value.

Bill Hogg, the SRU secretary, said at Murrayfield yesterday: "Action has been taken against clubs and schools where allocated tickets have been sold on to outside buyers at excessive prices. In such circumstances we have stopped the allocation of tickets to the clubs or schools concerned."

Hogg sent a letter to all clubs advising them of their responsiblities in this matter. Of particular concern to the SRU is the loss of a batch of tickets (Red 06361-06460 for the French match and Blue 06551-06640 for the Calcutta match)

Advertisements for wanting tickets for the international matches appear regularly in newspapers. On this matter, Hogg said: "Our lawyers have contacted these persons placing the adverts and asked them to desist from so doing."

Ticket touting is not illegal, but Chief Superintendant Jim Johnstone, the SRU police adviser, said: "The conduct of both the buyer and seller falls within the crime of obstruction." Johnstone added that after the report of Lord Justice Taylor "touting may become an offence".

In Ireland the touts have been discouraged from operating near Lansdowne Road where the measure of stamping each ticket has proved successful. The SRU already has the facility to detect forgeries

Chief Superintendant Johnstone also stated his concern about latecomers and about the continuing problem of alcohol in grounds prohibited under the Criminal Justice (Scotland Act) of 1980.

● Brendan Mullin, the Ireland and British Lions centre, is to have an operation today which is likely to keep him out of Ireland's XV to play France in Paris on March 3 (David Hands writes). Mullin, aged 26, who won his 31st cap against Scotland at the weekend, must have a piece of damaged cartilage removed.

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